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REPORT

PROVIDENCE, R. I.
December 30th, 1922.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island:

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 104, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief presents its thirty-fourth annual report.

ORGANIZATION.

The Board as at present constituted is:

Governor Emery J. San Souci, *Chairman.*

General Treasurer Richard W. Jennings, *Treasurer.*

Adjutant General Charles W. Abbot.

Hon. Edwin R. Allen, Seventh R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1923.

Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1923.

Joseph Gough, Esq., Second N. Y. H. Art., term expires 1924.

Gilbert Wilson, Esq., Eleventh Conn. Volunteers, term expires 1925.

Jeremiah I. Greene, Esq., Ninth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1925.

Fred A. Burt, Esq., Second R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1924.

Capt. Edgar R. Barker, First R. I. U. S. Volunteer Light Battery, term expires 1923.

Maj. Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. U. S. Volunteer Infantry, term expires 1924.

Willis C. Metcalf, Major U. S. Army, retired, term expires 1925.

Thomas M. Holden, 17th Illinois Cavalry Volunteers, *Secretary.*

Soldiers' Home.

The officers of the Home are as follows:

Mrs. Susan M. Sheple, Commandant.

Dr. Alfred M. Merriman, Surgeon.

Earle H. McKenzie, Adjutant.

Conditions at the Home remain about the same as previously reported, year by year, except as a matter of course the members are growing older and more infirm as the years pass. The membership remains about the same, new members taking the place of those removed by death or discharge. As reported one year ago, new, larger and more modern hospital facilities are imperitively needed, and urged. New boilers have been installed under the special appropriation made by the 1922 General Assembly, improving the heating of the many buildings on the Home grounds, and giving relief from the fear of a general collapse when most needed.

An additional appropriation is requested to continue the improvements and repairs commenced in 1919. Some of the repairs which should be no longer delayed are mentioned in the Commandant's report.

The Home was inspected and mustered on February 15th, 1922, by Col. Charles W. Pearsall, Assistant General Treasurer and Inspector General of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

The amount received during the year under the act of Congress providing aid to the State Territorial Home is seven thousand six hundred twenty dollars ($7,620.00). As the fourth quarterly payment is received in December, and the fiscal year for the State in the future closing November 30th, but three quarterly payments will be received in 1923, for this year's credit.

The Home lost its Commandant, Murdock C. McKenzie, by death on March 3, 1922. During Commandant McKenzie's administration of nearly four years, he had been ably assisted by his daughter, Mrs. S. M. Sheple. The Board made a new departure by appointing Mrs. Sheple as Commandant,

and affairs at the Home have continued to move in the same satisfactory manner as heretofore. The members are as contented and seemingly as happy as could be expected of men in their condition and circumstances. The Board considers the appointment a success in every way.

As usual the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and staff have visited the Home, also the other organizations connected with the G. A. R. The special committee of the Department of Rhode Island Relief Corp have continued their regular visits to the Home. The work for which they were appointed has been a success, and their visits looked forward to with pleasure by the members. In addition to their regular entertainments, this year they were instrumental in having a double line of shade trees planted on the avenue leading to the Home, each tree dedicated to some veteran, and marked with the veteran's name. The dedicatory exercises were conducted by the Committee, assisted by the officers of the Department of Rhode Island, G. A. R.

Twelve meetings of the Board have been held during the year, two of which were held at the Home. As heretofore, the Executive Committee have continued their constant and thorough supervision of all affairs connected with the Home. Hon. Ezra Dixon, chairman of the committee, especially, has given much valuable time and advice in the conduct of the regular routine of the Home, and in the installation of the new boilers and other improvements.

Death.

Murdock C. McKenzie, member of the Board, and Commandant of the Home since 1918, died at the Home on March 3, 1922.

Vital Statistics.

Average age of Civil War Veterans admitted during the year	79
Average membership during the year	101
Average number present during the year	61
Number of deaths during the year	20
Average age of decedents during the year	81
Death rate per 1000 average membership	208
Total number of deaths since the opening of the Home	540

Maintenance.

Average cost of maintenance per capita, average membership	$498.88
Average cost of maintenance per capita, average number present	$826.00

Financial Statement.

Balance with General Treasurer December 31, 1921	$5.36
Received appropriation 1922	42,500.00
Rceived from the United States, 1922	7,620.00
Received from other sources	679.64
Balance with General Treasurer, maintnance account, December 30, 1922	418.01
Deposited with Industrial Trust Company, call account	80.08

January Session, A. D. 1922.

Resolution Appropriating the Sum of Eight Hundred Dollars for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses of Decorating Graves of the War Veterans.

Resolved, That the sum of eight hundrd dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of decorating on Memorial Day the graves of Civil War Veterans and the veterans of any other war of the United States, said sum to be expended under the supervision and direction of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief; and the State auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much therof as may from time to time be required, upon the receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

Appropriation	$800.00
Balance from 1921	199.00
	$999.00
Disbursements 1922	$ 798.90
Balance with General Treasurer	$200.10

Resolution Making Provision for the Placing of Metalic Markers on the Graves of Soldiers and Sailors Who Have Served in the Different Wars of the United States.

Resolved, That the sum of eight hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing metalic markers to be placed on the graves of persons who served in the army or navy of the United

States during the different wars of the United States, said sum to be expended under the direction of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief; and the State Auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sums upon receipt by him of properly authenticated vouchers, approved by the chairman and secretary of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

Balance from 1921	$20.09
Appropriation, 1922	800.00
	$820.09
Disbursements	382.42
Balance with General Treasurer	$437.67

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1919.

AN ACT IN ADMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 104 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED, "OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 104 of the General Laws, entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

SEC. 22. In addition to the use of Rhode Island Soldiers' Home heretofore authorized, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief may admit to and maintain in said Home, under such rules and regulations said board may prescribe, any person who has served in the army or navy of the United States during any foreign war in which the United States shall have been engaged, or in any campaign or expedition for which the United States government issues a campaign medal: Provided, that such person shall have been a resident of this State at the time of his enlistment and shall have been honorably discharged from such service, and at the time of his admission to said Home shall be, by reason of wounds, disease, old age or other infirmaties unable to earn his own living and shall have no adequate means of support.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 104 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, LAWS, ENTITLED "OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME," AND ALL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF AND IN ADDITION THERETO.

(PASSED JANUARY SESSION, 1919.)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 104 of the General Laws, entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home," as amended by Chapter 1045

of the Public Laws, passed at the January Session, A. D. 1914, and by Chapter 1633 of the Public Laws, passed at the January Session, A. D. 1918, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The management and control of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, established in this State for those men who served in the army or navy of the United States in the war of the Rebellion and were honorably discharged therefrom, who, by reason of wounds, disease, or old age, or other infirmities, are unable to earn their living and have no adequate means of support, shall continue to be in a state board to consist of the Governor, who shall be chairman, the general treasurer, who shall be treasurer, the adjutant general, and nine qualified electors of the state, six of whom shall have served in the army or navy of the United States during the war of the Rebellion and were honorably discharged therefrom, and three of whom shall have served in the army or navy of the United States during any foreign war in which the United States shall have been engaged, or in any expedition or campaign for which the United States government issues a campaign medal, and were honorably discharged therefrom. Said nine qualified electors shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and said qualified electors, now in office, shall continue to serve for and during the terms for which they were appointed. At the January Session of the General Assembly of the year 1919, the Governor shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a qualified elector who served in the army or navy of the United States during any foreign war in which the United States shall have been engaged, and was honorably discharged therefrom, for the term of three years. At the January Session of the General Assembly in each year thereafter, three such qualified electors, two of the War of the Rebellion and one of any foreign war in which the United States shall have been engaged, or of any expedition or campaign for which the United States government shall have issued a campaign medal, shall be appointed to succeed the members of said board whose term shall next expire; and the persons so appointed shall hold their office until the first day of February in the third year after their appointment. Any vacancy which may occur in said board when the Senate is not in session shall be filled by the Governor until the next session thereof, when he shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint some person to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term. Said members so appointed shall be duly commissioned and sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties under the provisions of this chapter. Said board shall be known as the "State Board of Soldiers' Relief."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage and all acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 104 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 104 of the general laws, entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home or the inmates or purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof, shall be paid over to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the Soldiers' Home Fund. The board with the approval of the governor may sell and dispose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be made a part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FUND.

Balance, December 31, 1921	$3,435.08
Received during 1922	2,345.57
Interest	140.90
Total	$5,921.55
Disbursements during year	137.00
Balance in hands of General Treasurer	$5,784.55

RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ERECT AND INSTALL NEW BOILERS AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME IN BRISTOL.

Resolved, That the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the State Board of Soldiers' Relief during the fiscal year ending December 31, 1922, for the purpose of purchasing and installing new boilers for the heating plant at the Soldiers' Home in Bristol, and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much

thereof as may from time to time be required upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board.

Expenditures and balance December 30, 1922:

Appropriation	$10,000.00
Expenditures	9,929.80
Returned to General Treasurer for general fund of state	$70.20

Enclosures accompany this report as follows:

A. Report of the Secretary, as State Pension Agent.

B. Report of the Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief.

C. Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars.

D. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.

E. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.

F. Roll of members of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.

G. Schedule of bills approved and orders drawn from January 1, 1922, to December 30, 1922.

Respectfully submitted,

EMERY J. SAN SOUCI, *Governor, Chairman.*
RICHARD W. JENNINGS, *General Treasurer, Treasurer.*
CHARLES W. ABBOT, JR., *Adjutant General.*
EDWIN R. ALLEN,
EZRA DIXON,
JOSEPH GOUGH,
GILBERT WILSON,
JEREMIAH I. GREENE,
FRED A. BURT,
EDGAR R. BARKER,
SYDNEY D. HARVEY,
WILLIS C. METCALF,
State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

THOMAS M. HOLDEN, *Secretary.*

ENCLOSURES

A.

REPORT OF STATE PENSION AGENT.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 30, 1922.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of the work performed as State Pension Agent for the year 1922.

Number of claims filed by this office during the year.....165

Classified as follows:

Soldiers' and sailors' pension, act of May 1, 1920	27
Widows' pension, act of May 1, 1920	31
Widows' accrued pension	2
Re-married widows' pension, act of September 8, 1916	4
Widows' Indian War pension, act of March 4, 1917	1
Minor Children's pension, act June 5, 1905	1
Soldiers' pension under General Law	1
Spanish War soldiers' and sailors' pension, act of June 5, 1920	32
Spanish War widows' pension, act of July 8, 1916	10
Reimburesment claims	54
Application for New pension certificate	1
Application for payment of check without administration	1

Total number of claims filed in this department at Washington by the State Pension Agent to December 30, 1922, was 12,865.

About one thousand affidavits and papers were executed in 1922.

Respectfully,

THOMAS M. HOLDEN,

State Pension Agent.

B.

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, CIVIL WAR.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement the work performed as Agent Soldiers' Relief Civil War, for the year 1922:

Soldiers and Sailors who have died while receiving relief in 1922	4
Admitted to Soldiers' Home while receiving aid in 1922	1
Removed from State while receiving aid in 1922	2
Widows deceased while receiving aid in 1922	3
Widows who have obtained pensions while receiving aid in 1922	2
Number of orders for aid issued in 1922	579
Disbursements in 1922	$7,256.02

Respectfully,

THOMAS M. HOLDEN,

Agent for Soldiers' Relief.

C.

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, FOREIGN WARS.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars, for the year 1922:

But four new applications for aid have been received since January 1st, 1922.

Three hundred and forty orders for groceries and cash aid have been issued during the year, also additional tempory cash aid.

Appropriation for 1922	$2,500.00
Disbursements	2,500.00

Respectfully,

THOMAS M. HOLDEN,

Agent for Soldiers' Relief.

D.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDANT.

To the Board of Managers, Board of Soldiers' Relief:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith my first annual report as Commandant.

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home, as compared with the year preceding:

December 31, 1921, present	70
December 31, 1921, absent	33
Total	103
Actual gain during the year	19
Total	122
Actual loss during the year	24
Present and absent December 31, 1922	98

Actual Gain.		*Actual Loss.*	
By admission	18	By discharge	4
By re-admission	1	By death	20
Total	19	Total	24

Whole number cared for during the year	159
Total number admitted since the Home opened	982

Of the number present 30 are reported sick in the hosiptal and 6 on extra duty as follows:

Librarian	1	Ward Sergeants	3
Yardman	1	Cleaners	2

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

Engineer	1	Cleaners	3
Fireman	3	Cooks	2
Chief Nurse	1	Cooks' Assistants	6
Assistant Nurses	2	Barber	1
Truck Driver	1	Farmers	2

AGE OF MEMBERS.

The oldest 94, the youngest 73 years.

Average age of those admitted during the year..... 79.5

Average age of decedents..... 77.5

AVERAGES DURING THE YEAR.

Present.		*Present and Absent*	
Quarter ending March 31.	66	Quarter ending March...	101
Quarter ending June 30..	58	Quarter ending June 30..	100
Quarter ending September 30.	62	Quarter ending September 30.	103
Quarter ending December 31.	61	Quarter ending December 31.	101
Average.	62	Average.	101

Number of deaths since the Home opened, 544.

Specific appropriations are needed for the following purposes:

General repairs to buildings, walks and drive-ways.

Remodeling shed to use as a cow barn.

Replacing cows.

New Auto Truck.

To the officers and members of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, the American Legion, Ladies of the G. A. R., the Girl Scouts of America, the Boys Scouts of America, and the many friends who have visited the Home during the year, bringing good cheer, contributions of gifts, etc., heartfelt thanks are due.

To the Womans' Relief Corps for their continued interest, and especially to the Soldiers' Home Committee, for their extreme kindness sincere thanks are due.

I wish to express my deep appreciation of the faithful energy and valuable assistance of Surgeon Alfred M. Merriman and his assistants, and to the entire staff of employees for their loyalty and support.

NEED OF A NEW HOSPITAL.

A new, up to date hospital and equipment is imperatively needed. The old building is unfit for any serious surgical work and its after care.

For the present we are depending on the R. I. Hospital to take care of our operative cases, but the distance is such that even that at times is not advisable.

As our Comrades grow older the infirmities of age become more apparent, and the hospital designed for the needs of 30 years ago is inadequate for present demands.

It takes time to build and equip a hospital and the coming session of the legislature should be asked for an appropriation for that purpose. The government is looking after the sick and disabled veterans of the late World War at present, but undoubtedly the state will be required to assume this responsibility in the near future and must be prepared for it.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation to the members of the Board for the courtesy shown me, and for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN M. SHEPLE,

Commandant.

DEATHS.

Charles H. Potter, C, 1st R. I. Inf. K, 12th R. I. Inf. B, 14th R. I. H. Art. Admitted July 11, 1906. Died January 1, 1922. Cause, arteriosclerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

Samuel Hamilton, K, 51st Penn., U. S. Navy. Admitted January 10, 1918. Died January 11, 1922. Cause unknown. Died while on furlough.

Thomas Johnston, K, 8th N. Y. S. M. A, 37th N. J., Vol., 5th N. J. L. B. Admitted November 9, 1914. Died February 20, 1922. Cause, pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

William Leonard, L, 3rd R. I. H. A. Admitted May 26, 1907. Died February 23, 1922. Cause, senile marasmus. Remains taken by relatives.

Albert C. Church, E and A, 3rd R. I. H. A. Admitted June 20, 1910. Died February 26, 1922. Cause, unknown. Died while on furlough.

William H. Elgar, E, 7th Vt. Inf. Admitted September 24, 1914. Died February 27, 1922. Cause, senile dementia, cerebral hemorrhage. Remains taken by relatives.

Benjamin Mitchell, Band, 5th Conn. Inf. Admitted March 22, 1900. Died April 16, 1922. Cause, pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

James M. Osgood, K, 9th N. H. Inf. Admitted April 11, 1920. Died May 1, 1922. Cause, angina pectoris. Remains taken by relatives.

John Egan, D, 1st R. I. L. Art. Admitted December 12, 1904. Died May 16, 1922. Cause, senile dementia. Remains taken by relatives.

Daniel H. Oldridge, 18th Unattached, Mass. Inf. Admitted September 28, 1914. Died June 5, 1922. Cause, arteriosclerosis, heart failure. Remains taken by relatives.

Asahel A. Peck, I, 12th R. I. Inf. Admitted November 3, 1920. Died August 5, 1922. Cause, cerebral hemorrhage. Remains taken by relatives.

Frederick W. Pond, F. 4th Mass., C, 1st R. I. L. Art. Admitted June 20, 1919. Died October 7, 1922. Cause, cerebral hemorrhage. Remains taken by relatives.

Franklin A. Steere, B, 10th R. I. Inf. Admitted September 23, 1915. Died October 7, 1922. Cause pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

George W. Gardiner, F, 3rd R. I. H. Art. Admitted September 13, 1922. Died October 7, 1922. Cause, arteriosclerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

George F. Paine, D, 3rd R. I. H. Art. Admitted July 20, 1922. Died October 27, 1922. Cause, pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

Frederick D. Sprague, G, 11th N. H. Vol. Admitted February 4, 1919. Died November 1, 1922. Cause, unknown. Died at the R. I. Hospital. Buried in North Cemetery, Bristol.

John H. Baxter, H, 11th R. I. Inf. Admitted January 7, 1908. Died November 11, 1922. Cause, cancer. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bristol.

Daniel Cook, A, 3rd R. I. H. Art. Admitted March 7, 1905. Died November 15, 1922. Cause, arteriosclerosis. Buried in Peacedale.

John Ennis, K and B, 3rd R. I. H. Art. Admitted August 10, 1897. Died December 22, 1922. Cause, unknown. Died while on furlough.

William H. Corbin, K, 7th R. I. Inf. Admitted April 6, 1914. Died December 24, 1922. Cause, unknown. Died while on furlough.

E.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON.

BRISTOL, R. I., December 30, 1922.

To the Honorable State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

GENTLEMEN:—I beg to submit the following report of the medical Department of the Soldiers' Home, for the year 1922:

Number of men admitted to hospital from wards	24
Number of men admitted to hospital from outside	12
Age of oldest patient (Civil War)	93
Age of youngest patient (Civil War)	74
Average age	83.5
Age of youngest patient (Spanish American War)	63
Number of deaths	9
Age of oldest	93
Age of youngest	76
Average age	84.5
Number of men in Hospital to-day	41
Number of men treated at dispensary	214
Number of men sent to Insane Hospital	1

The number of dispensary calls does not include those who go after each meal to the hospital for their medicine.

While the hospital is in much better condition to-day than it has ever been, yet it is very inadequate for the needs of the Home, besides being very dangerous if a fire should start.

The need for a new hospital is very urgent in order to make the last days of the men the most comfortable possible, and I strongly urge that every means be used to secure one.

I am indebted to each and every one who have loyally assisted me in the work of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED M. MERRIMAN, *Surgeon.*

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1922.

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Agan, John	G, 2nd Batt'n 15th U. S. Inf	74	Providence	June 14, 1921	Present
Andrews, Asa A.	B, 5th U. S. Art. 15th U. S. Inf	72	Providence	Oct. 27, 1920	Present
Althans, Frederick	H, 20th N. Y. Inf. B, 5th N. Y. S. Mili'a	82	Wakefield	May 12, 1921	Present
Baird, William	E, 30th Mass. L. A	61	Westerly	Oct. 17, 1907	Present
Baker, William A.	F, 1st R. I. Cav. G, 3rd V. R. C	68	Providence	July 13, 1914	Present
Barbour, Chares A.	F, 10th R. I. Inf	89	Bristol	Mar. 9, 1922	Present
Bartlett, William F.	C, 3rd N. Y. L. Art	74	Providence	Aug. 30, 1910	Present
Baxter, John	H, 11th R. I. Inf	65	Providence	Jan. 7, 1908	Died, Nov. 11, 1922
Bell, Thomas	B, 3rd R. I. H. Art. C, 3rd R. I. L. Art	79	Providence	Mar. 5, 1920	Present
Bennett, George B.	F & A, 1st R. I. Cav	79	Providence	Sept. 11, 1922	Present
Billington, Daniel R.	H, 7th R. I. Inf	79	Baltic, Conn	Nov. 14, 1922	Present
Blanding, Philip M.	U. S. Navy	66	Providence	Oct. 12, 1903	Present
Brayman, George W.	K, 2nd R. I. Inf	66	Providence	Jan. 21, 1909	Present
Brayton, Frederick C	B, 1st R. I. L. Art	66	Providence	Oct. 26, 1912	Present
Briggs, Lyman	D, 3rd R. I. H. Art	76	Southbridge	Mar. 10, 1921	Present
Brown, Marcus M.	D, C & I, 7, R. I. Inf	50	Woonsocket	Aug. 5, 1891	Present
Blount, Jubal	A, 9th R. I. Inf. H, 12th R. I. Inf	80	Pawtucket	Jan. 10, 1916	Present
Bowman, Alonzo	F, 1st Conn. H. Art	80	Providence	Nov. 17, 1919	Present
Cahill, Thomas	B, 5th R. I. H. Art	77	Providence	July 17, 1922	Present
Capron, George N.	H, 11th R. I. Inf	90	Providence	June 2, 1920	Present
Chase, John H.	D, 1st N. H. Cav	76	Providence	Oct. 15, 1918	Present
Church, Albert C.	E & A, 3rd R. I. H. A.	70	Lafayette	June 20, 1910	Died, Feb. 26, 1922
Clough, Samuel	G, 15th U. S. Inf	71	Providence	July 26, 1920	Present
Clough, William	K, 12th R. I. Inf	49	Providence	Sept. 9, 1891	Present
Coffin, Daniel H.	U. S. Navy	72	W. Greenwich	Apr. 23, 1919	Present

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1922.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Cole, Charles W.	R. I. Hos. Guards; 15th U. S. Inf	63	E. Providence	July 6, 1903	Present
Connors, Charles	G, 1st R. I. H. A	78	Providence	June 21, 1922	Present
Corbin, William H.	K, 7th R. I. Inf	66	Apponaug	April 6, 1914	Died, Dec. 24, 1922
Cook, Daniel	A, 3rd R. I. H. A	61	Providence	Mar. 7, 1905	Died, Nov. 15, 1922
Curtis, Joseph A.	B, 3rd R. I. Cav; A, 3rd R. I. Cav	80	Diamond Hill	Jan. 6, 1922	Present
Daley, John F.	D, 3rd R. I. Cav; B, 11th R. I. Inf	72	Providence	Mar. 17, 1918	Present
Dawley, Benjamin H.	G, 4th R. I. Inf	83	Eastond'e, Mass	Sept. 18, 1922	Present
Dennehy, Patrick	I, 16th Conn. Inf	72	Woonsocket	May 12, 1919	Present
Dennis, William H.	C, 3rd R. I. H. A	79	Providence	Sept. 14, 1922	Present
Drake, Alphonso O.	E, 2nd R. I. Vol	71	Providence	July 22, 1920	Present
Dunn, James	E, 4th R I. Inf	74	Woonsocket	Apr. 14, 1919	Present
Dugan, Dennis	F, 2nd R. I. Inf	78	Providence	July 22, 1921	Present
Eagan, John	D, 1st R. I. L. A	62	Providence	Dec. 12, 1904	Died, May 16, 1922
Eccles, William H.	E, 2nd R. I. Inf	73	Pawtucket	Dec. 13, 1921	Present
Easterbrooks, Gard'r	E, 12th R. I. Inf	63	Bristol	Sept. 19, 1898	Present
Eddy, Jeb R.	M, 3rd R. I. H. A	71	Providence	Nov. 10, 1908	Present
Elgar, William H.	E, 7th Vt. Vet. Inf	69	Providence	Sept. 24, 1914	Died, Feb. 27, 1922
Ennis, John	K & B, 3rd R. I. H. A.	54	Providence	Aug. 10, 1897	Died, Dec. 22, 1922
Field, Lewis B.	K, 4th Mass. Inf	77	Providence	Nov. 11, 1920	Present
Fieldsend, Joseph	F, 4th Mass. Inf; D, 7th R. I. Inf	74	Richmond	June 17, 1914	Present
Fenner, John A.	I, 11th R. I. Inf	66	Scituate	Jan. 10, 1911	Present
Fleming, Michael	M, 3rd R. I. Cav	74	Providence	Aug. 9, 1920	Present
French, Joseph B.	D, 1st R. I. L. A	78	Providence	Sept. 8, 1920	Present
Gardiner, George W.	F, 3rd R. I. H. A	81	Apponaug	Sept. 13, 1922	Died, Oct. 7, 1922

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1922.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted	Status.
Gimore, Patrick.....	D, 1st Conn. Inf.....	57	Woonsocket....	Nov. 24, 1903	Present
Gross, Anton.....	H, 5th R. I. H. A.....	83	Worcester.....	Feb. 3, 1919	Present
Guile, Charles H.....	D, 8th Conn. Inf.....	76	Providence....	Oct. 28, 1919	Present
Hackett, Charles.....	D, 2nd R. I. Inf.....	74	Providence....	May 18, 1922	Present
Hamilton, Samuel...	K, 51st Mass. Inf... / U. S. Navy.....	74	Providence....	Jan. 10, 1918	Died, Jan. 11, 1922
Healey, Reuben A....	B, 4th R. I. Vol.....	78	Charlestown...	Apr. 1, 1920	Present
Higgins, Michael J...	M, 3rd R. I. H. A.....	70	Providence.....	June 29, 1915	Present
Holbrook, Cephas B..	U. S. Navy.....	66	Providence....	Jan. 3, 1912	Present
Holmes, Joseph B....	F, 3rd Mass. Inf.... / B, 4th Mass. Cav... / 21st U. S. Col'd Tps	71	Anthony.....	Sept. 28, 1916	Present
Holton, William H...	I, 6th Mass. Inf.... / K, 1st N. Eng. Cav..	49	Providence....	Jan. 12, 1892	Present
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D. 1st R. I. L. A.....	76	Providence....	Oct. 16, 1917	Present
Hopkins, J. Ray.....	L, 10th R. I. Vol.....	77	Richmond.....	Dec. 6, 1922	Present
Horton, Lorenzo.....	E, 5th Vt. Inf.....	80	Providence....	Aug. 18, 1922	Present
Hudson, David.....	Musician, 4th..... / R. I. Inf.....	71	Providence.....	July 5, 1910	Present
Hunter, George H....	I, 9th R. I. Inf.....	73	Providence....	Jan. 3, 1912	Present
Jilson, John.....	U. S. Navy.....	75	Attleboro, Mass	May 3, 1920	Present
Jackson, Anthony....	I, 27th Me. Inf.....	75	Warren.....	June 18, 1917	Present
Johnson, Thomas....	K, 8th N. Y. State M / A, 37th N. J. Inf....	72	Providence....	Nov. 9, 1914	Died, Feb. 20, 1922
Leonard, William...	5th N. J. Batt'y.... / L, 3rd R. I. H. A.....	75	Providence....	May 26, 1907	Died, Feb. 23, 1922
Longstreet, Daniel F.	I, 1st R. I. Inf..... / D, 7th R. I. Inf.....	69	Providence....	Oct. 7, 1915	Present
Martin, Daniel.....	C, 1st N. Y. Lt. Inf...	61	Providence....	July 23, 1909	Present
McGowan, John.....	D, 3rd R. I. H. A.....	74	Providence.....	Sept. 26, 1917	Present
McKay, John G.....	A, 1st R. I. L. A.....	78	Providence....	Apr. 14, 1919	Present
McSoley, James.....	A, 3rd R. I. H. A.....	56	Providence....	Aug. 1, 1905	Present

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1922.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Melville, Peter D.	A, 5th R. I. H. A.	75	Newport	Feb. 24, 1920	Present
Mitchell, Benjamin	5th Conn. Vol	70	Providence	Mar. 22, 1900	Died, April 16, 1922
Montross, John R.	U. S. Navy	79	Providence	Dec. 13, 1920	Present
Murphy, John J.	D, 3rd R. I. H. A.	87	Providence	Sept. 11, 1922	Hon. Dis., Nov. 17, 1922
Nelson, John	U. S. Navy	65	Providence	Apr. 17, 1906	Present
Nichols, Benjamin D.	U. S. Navy	67	Bristol	Oct. 11, 1899	Present
Nicholas, Henry H.	C & G, 1st L. Art.	78	E. Providence	July 8, 1921	Present
Noon, Michael	B, 1st R. I. D. M.	71	Newport	Oct. 9, 1912	Present
Oatley, Frank J.	11th R. I. Vol. / 1st Conn. H. A.	76	Providence	Apr. 9, 1922	Present
Oldridge, Daniel H.	18th Co. Unat. Mass. Inf.	70	E. Providence	Sept. 28, 1914	Died, June 5, 1922
Osgood, James M.	K, 9th N. H. Inf.	76	Providence	Apr. 11, 1920	Died, May 1, 1922
Owens, Michael F.	E, 4th R. I. Inf. / B, 7th R. I. Inf.	74	Woonsocket	Jan. 12, 1916	Present
Peck, Asahel A.	I, 12th R. I. Inf.	81	No. Scituate	Nov. 3, 1920	Died, Aug. 5, 1922
Paine, George F.	D, 3rd R. I. H. A.	80	Oakland Beach	July 20, 1920	Died, Oct. 27, 1922
Place, William K.	C, 5th R. I. H. A.	63	Exeter	Nov. 26, 1912	Present
Pollard, James	D, 9th R. I. Inf.	74	Newport	Jan. 24, 1912	Present
Potter, Charles H.	C, 1st R. I. Inf. / K, 12th R. I. Inf.	78	Providence	July 11, 1906	Died, Jan. 1, 1922
Potter, Philip I.	B, 14th R. I. H. A. / D, 4th R. I. Inf.	70	Providence	Apr. 13, 1913	Present
Pond, Abijah S.	U. S. Navy	75	Providence	July 22, 1920	Present
Pond, Frederick W.	C, 1st R. I. L. A.	77	Attleboro, Mass	June 20, 1919	Died, Oct. 7, 1922
Prestwich, Thomas	C, 4th R. I. Inf.	68	Providence	Oct. 18, 1913	Present
Proctor, Thomas B.	B, 2nd R. I. Inf.	80	Hampton, Conn	Oct. 5, 1920	Present
Randall, John M.	A, 12th U. S. Inf.	71	Riverpoint	Jan. 1, 1918	Present
Ray, Samuel	C, 1st R. I. Cav.	76	Providence	July 14, 1922	Present

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1922.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Redding, Edwin A...	U. S. Navy.....	65	Providence....	Nov. 20, 1911	Present
Riley, Peter.....	E, 2nd R. I. Inf.....	71	Pawtucket.....	Jan. 25, 1917	Present
Riley, James.....	K, 12th R. I. Vol... M, 3rd R. I. Cav....	77	Providence.....	Aug. 17, 1920	Present
Rouke, Patrick.....	C, 3rd R. I. H. A.....	76	Providence....	Mar. 15, 1922	Hon. Dis., Sept. 28, 1922
Streeter, Orville D...	C, 11th R. I. Inf.....	67	Providence....	Jan. 18, 1912	Present
Steere, Franklin A...	B, 10th R. I. Inf.....	73	Providence....	Sept. 23, 1915	Died, Oct. 7, 1922
Steere, Jesse.....	C, 2nd R. I. Inf.....	77	Providence....	Jan. 19, 1920	Present
Schmidt, Louis.....	G, 1st R. I. L. A.....	72	Providence.....	Apr. 2, 1918	Present
Sullivan, Maurice....	G, 1st R. I. L. A.....	68	Westerly.....	June 8, 1914	Present
Smith, Alexander G..	G, 17th Mass. Inf.....	82	Providence....	July 15, 1918	Present
Sprague, Frederick D	G, 11th N. H. Inf.....	79	Providence....	Feb. 4, 1919	Present
Swindell, Joseph.....	B, 7th Mass. Inf.... F, 3rd R. I. Cav....	73	Cumberland...	June 28, 1915	Present
Simmons, S. Bartlett.	F, 1st R. I. D. M.....	85	Elizabeth, N. J.	Aug. 5, 1921	Present
Thompson, Charles W	F, 8th Conn. Inf.....	58	Providence....	Jan. 9, 1899	Present
Tefft, John K.....	D, 8th Conn. Vol.....	82	Warwick.....	Dec. 17, 1920	Present
Tucker, William G...	D, 1st Mass. Cav.....	70	Providence.....	Jan. 29, 1915	Present
Wilbur, Calvin D....	B, 2nd Conn. Inf.....	76	Providence....	Aug. 14, 1918	Present
Wigfall, Walter C...	A, 3rd R. I. H. A... U. S. Signal Corps..	76	Providence....	June 11, 1918	Present
Young, William E...	G, 2nd R. I. Inf.....	62	Providence....	Aug. 14, 1908	Present
Brown, William J....	A, 1st R. I. L. A.....	45	E. Providence..	Jan. 28, 1921	Present
Christie, Hugh.....	1st R. I., U. S. Inf.... 15th U. S. Inf.....	65	Providence.....	July 14, 1922	Hon. Dis., July 20, 1922
King, John E.....	K, 1st R. I., U. S. Inf..	54	Providence.....	Sept. 14, 1920	Present
Lambert, Frank.....	D, 17th U. S. Inf.....	49	Pawtucket.....	Sept. 14, 1920	Present
Rafferty, Thomas....	1st R. I., U. S. Inf....	61	Providence.....	Apr. 11, 1921	Present
Sumner, John R.....	A, 1st R. I., U. S. A...	63	Providence.....	May 16, 1922	Present

Orders Drawn for Maintenance of Soldiers' Home from January, 1922 *to December,* 1922.

February	Pay roll—January	$1,575.00
	Schedule—January	2,725.75
March	Pay roll—February	1,555.92
	Schedule—February	3,252.19
April	Pay roll—March	1,493.39
	Schedule—March	3,153.44
May	Pay roll—April	1,510.00
	Schedule—April	3,318.19
June	Pay roll—May	1,575.00
	Schedule—May	2,580.49
July	Pay roll—June	1,688.33
	Schedule—June	2,278.63
August	Pay roll—July	1,647.27
	Schedule—July	2,210.65
September	Pay roll—August	1,657.57
	Schedule—August	2,156.89
October	Pay roll—September	1,721.50
	Schedule—September	1,993.45
November	Pay roll—October	1,677.50
	Schedule—October	2,483.80
December	Pay roll—November	1,564.17
	Schedule—November	2,435.30
	Pay roll—December	1,697.15
	Schedule—December	2,435.41
		$50,386.99

Orders Drawn for Soldiers' Relief, Civil War, from January 1, 1922, *to December* 30, 1922.

January—Schedule of bills	$623.66
February—Schedule of bills	607.67
March—Schedule of bills	590.66
April—Schedule of bills	581.66
May—Schedule of bills	596.68
June—Schedule of bills	561.66
July—Schedule of bills	549.02
August—Schedule of bills	563.68
September—Schedule of bills	548.66
October—Schedule of bills	550.66
November—Schedule of bills	544.68
December—Schedule of bills	937.33
	$7,256.02

Orders Drawn for Dependent Families of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, for any Foreign War, Expedition or Campaign for Which the United States Issued a Campaign Medal.

January—Schedule of bills	$225.00
February—Schedule of bills	235.00
March—Schedule of bills	243.00
April—Schedule of bills	196.00
May—Schedule of bills	196.00
June—Schedule of bills	190.00
July—Schedule of bills	200.00
August—Schedule of bills	195.00
September—Schedule of bills	177.00
October—Schedule of bills	177.00
November—Schedule of bills	171.00
December—Schedule of bills	295.00
	$2,500.00

Summary of Expenditures.

Soldiers' Home	$50,386.99
Soldiers' Relief, Civil War	7,256.02
Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars	2,500 00
Office Expenses	1,100.67
Grave Markers	382.42
Decorating Graves	798.90
Improvements and Repairs, Soldiers' Home	9,929.25

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REPORT

PROVIDENCE, R. I.
November 30th, 1924

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island:

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 104, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief present its thirty-sixth annual report.

ORGANIZATION

The Board as at present constituted is:

Governor William S. Flynn, *Chairman.*

General Treasurer Adolphus C. Knowles, *Treasurer.*

Adjutant General John J. Richards.

Hon. Edwin R. Allen, Seventh R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1926.

Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1926.

Hon. Jeremiah I. Greene, Ninth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1925.

Hon. Samuel A. Whelden, Tenth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1925.

Major Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. U. S. Vol. Inf., term expires 1924.

Lt. Col. Willis C. Metcalf, U. S. Army, retired, term expires 1925.

Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, One hundred and seventh Eng., term expires 1926.

Fred A. Burt, U. S. Navy, and second R. I. Vol., *Secretary.*

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Soldiers Home

The officers of the Home are as follows:

Mrs. Susan M. Sheple, Commandant.

Dr. Alfred M. Merriman, Surgeon.

Earle H. McKenzie, Adjutant.

As old age creeps on the Comrades at the home call for more attention, which is given by the Commandant of the Home and her staff of officers. The increasing infirmaties of the veterans has called for a long time for better hospital facilities. The resources of the present hospital and the work of its staff have been taxed to its limit, and it is pleasing to report that a more modern hospital is in progress of construction. It is hoped that the occupancy of the new structure will occur by the coming April.

Comrade Ezra Dixon Chairman of the Executive Committee has been untiring in his supervision of the improvements at the Home.

Twelve meetings of the Board have been held during the past year, two of which have been held at the Home. Members of the Board have visited the Home at other times during the past year.

The Home was inspected and mustered July 28, 1924 by Colonel B. K. Cash, Inspector General N. H. D. V. S.

This office has been handicapped in giving aid to the widows and soldiers of the Civil War on account of the holding back of the appropriation for that purpose. The storekeepers are to be thanked for their loyalty in honoring the orders given out and we are very grateful and appreciate their courtesies knowing it has been somewhat of a hardship for many of the small stores to carry us along.

The amount received during the year under the Act of Congress providing aid to the State Territorial Home is eighty four hundred dollars ($8,400.00).

The Department Commander of the G. A. R. accompanied with his staff of officers have made their yearly visit to the Home and found everything in fine order. Among the different orders who have visited the Home furnishing entertainments and carrying with them delicacies for the members are the Department Presidents, The Past Presidents Association of the Womans Relief Corps, and their staff of officers of the Womans Relief Corps,

and the Ladies of the G. A. R., The Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans and members of the order and the several auxiliries connected with the above orders. Several Troops of the Boy and Girl Scouts and other organizations. Several Bands Letter Carriers, Asir Sanctorum have furnished concerts especially for the hospital patients, which have been greatly appreciated

Deaths

Joseph Gough, member of Board since 1919 died June 21, 1924.

Gilbert Wilson, Secretary since May 10, 1923, died August 21, 1924.

Vital Statistics

Average age of Civil War Veterans admitted during the year	81
Average membership during the year	93
Average number present during the year	70
Number of deaths during the year	16
Average age of descendents during the year Civil War	82
Average age of decendents during the year Spanish War	53
Death rate per 1000 average membership	172
Total number of deaths since the opening of the Home	567

Maintenance

Average cost of maintenance per capita, average membership	$550.97
Average cost of maintenance per capita, average present	732.01

Financial Statement

Balance with General Treasurer November 30, 1923	$45.95
Proportionate appropriation, 1924	42,500.00
Received from the United States 1924	8,400.00
Received from other sources	378.00
Deposited with Industrial Trust Co., call account	59.86

Resolution making an Appropriation for Expenses of Decorating Graves of War Veterans.

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for expenditures during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1924, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of decorating on Memorial Day the graves of Civil War veterans and of the veterans of any other war of the United States, said sum to be expended under the supervision and direction of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of the state board of soldiers' relief.

Appropriation	$900.00
Disbursements 1924	883.00
Balance on hand November 30, 1924	17.00

PROVISION for the placing of Metallic Markers on the graves of Soldiers' and Sailors' who have served in the different, wars of the United States.

Balance from 1923	$160.82
Proportionate appropriation	600.00
Disbursements 1924	721.17

JANUARY SESSION, A. D., 1919

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 104 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED, "OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 104 of the General Laws, entitled " Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home ', is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Sec. 22. In addition to the use of Rhode Island Soldiers' Home heretofore authorized, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief may admit to and maintain in said Home, under such rules and regulations said board may prescribe, any person who has served in the army or navy of the United States during any foreign war in which the United States shall have been engaged, or in any campaign or expidition for which the United States government issues a campaign medal; Provided, that such person shall have been a resident of this State at the time of his enlistment and shall have been honorably discharged from such service, and at the time of his admission to said home shall be, by reason of wounds, disease, old age or other infirmaties unable to earn his own living and shall have no adequate means of support.

Sec. 2 This act shall take effect on its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 104 OF THE GENERAL LAWS ENTITLED, "OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 104 of the General laws, entitled, "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home", is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof, shall be paid over to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the soldiers' home fund. The board with the approval of the Governor may sell and dispose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the procedes of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be made a part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates

of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board."

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FUND

Balance November 30, 1923	$7,310.39
Received during 1924	59.22
Interest	202.85
Total	$7,572.46

JANUARY SESSION 1924

RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS, ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME AT BRISTOL.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-six thousand four hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the state board of soldiers' relief during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1924, sixty-four hundred dollars thereof for the purpose of making necessary repairs and improvements and for the purchase of equipment and thirty thousand dollars thereof for erecting and equipping an addition of fireproof construction to present buildings, to be used as a service building, and for repairing, improving and equipping such present buildings for use as a hospital and infirmary at the Soldiers' Home at Bristol; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers signed by the secretary of said board and approved by the governor.

HOSPITAL AND INFIRMARY

Appropriation	$30,000.00
Expenditures	13,548.13

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	$6,400.00
Expenditures	6,397.20

The following enclosures accompany this report.

A. Report of the Secretary, as State Pension Agent.

B. Report of the Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief.

C. Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars.

D. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.

E. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.

F. Roll of members of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.

G. Schedule of bills approved and orders drawn from December 1, 1923 to November 30, 1924.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. FLYNN, *Governor, Chairman.*
ADOLPHUS C. KNOWLES, *Treasurer.*
JOHN J. RICHARDS, *Adj. General.*
EDWIN R. ALLEN
EZRA DIXON
JEREMIAH I. GREENE
SAMUEL A. WHELDEN
SYDNEY D. HARVEY
WILLIS C. METCALF
LUKE H. CALLAN

State Board of Soldiers Relief.

FRED A. BURT, *Secretary.*

ENCLOSURES

A.

Report of State Pension Agent.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., November 30, 1924.

To the State Board of Soldiers Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the year ending Nov. 30, 1924.

Number of claims filed by this office during the year	192
Classified as follows.	
Soldiers' and sailors' pension act of May 1, 1920.	47
Widows' pension, act of May 1, 1920.	25
Widows' accrude pension	2
Re-married widows' pension, act of September 8, 1916.	2
Soldiers' pension under General Law	3
Spanish War Soldiers' and Sailors' pension, act of June 5, 1920.	72
Spanish War Soldiers' and Sailors' increase Pension, June 5, 1920	14
Spanish War Widows' pension, act June 8, 1916 and Sept. 1, 1922	8
Re-imbursement claims	14
Application for new pension Certificate	3
Application for payment of check without administration	2

Total number of claims filed in this department at Washington by the State Pension Agent to November 30, 1924 was 13,214.

Over thirteen hundred affidavits and papers were executed in 1924.

A considerable number of these affidavits were executed at the residence of the affiants, who, by reason of illness were unable to visit this office.

Respectfully,

Fred A. Burt,

State Pension Agent

B.

Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief, Civil War.

To the State Board of Soldiers Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent Soldiers' Relief, Civil War, for the year 1924.

Six hundred and fifty-five orders for groceries have been issued during the year, also temporary cash aid.

Appropriation	$10,000.00
Disbursements	9,901.73

Respectfully,

Fred A. Burt,

Agent for Soldiers Relief

C.

Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars.

To the State Board of Soldiers Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars, for the year 1924.

Three hundred and ten orders for groceries and cash aid have been issued during the year, also additional temporary cash aid.

Appropriation	$2,500.00
Disbursements	2,500.00

Respectfully,

Fred A. Burt,

Agent for Soldiers Relief

D.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDANT

To the Board of Managers Board of Soldiers Relief:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit herewith my third report as Commandant.

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home, as compared with the year preceeding:

November 30, 1923, present	63
November 30, 1923, absent	35
Total	98
Actual gain during the year	22
Total	120
Actual loss during the year	22
Present and absent November 30, 1924	98

ACTUAL GAIN		ACTUAL LOSS	
By admission	17	By discharge	6
By re admission	5	By death	16
Total	22	Total	22

Whole number cared for during the year	153
Total number admitted since the Home opened	1012

Of the number present 36 are reported sick in the Hospital and 6 on extra duty as follows:

Librarian	1	War Sergeants	2
Yardman	1	Cleaners	3

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Engineer	1	Cleaners	4
Firemen	3	Cooks	2
Chief Nurse	1	Cooks' Assistants	6
Assistant Nurses	3	Barber	1
Truck Driver	1	Farmers	2
Night Watchman	1	Laundry	2

Age of Members

The oldest 96, the youngest 76, Civil War.

Average age of these admitted during the year 81.5, Civil War.

Average age of decendents 82, Civil War.

Average age of decendents 53, Spanish War.

Averages during the Year

PRESENT		PRESENT AND ABSENT	
Quarter ending March 31	68	Quarter ending March 31	92
Quarter ending June 30	68	Quarter ending June 30	89
Quarter ending September 30	72	Quarter ending September 30	95
Quarter ending November 30	75	Quarter ending November 30	97
Average	71	Average	93

Number of deaths since the Home opened 567.

Specific appropriations are needed for the following purposes.

Repairs to slate roof on all buildings.

Replacing six hundred feet of fire hose.

To the officers and members of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, the Womans' Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., United Spanish War Veterans and their Auxiliaries, Kearney Post American Legion, and its Auxiliaries, the Girl Scouts of America, the Boy Scouts of America and the many friends who have visited the Home during this year bringing gifts and words of cheer and comfort many thanks are due.

Again I would thank Surgeon Alfred M. Merriman, Henry Sweeney, Head Nurse, and their assistants in the Hospital, and to all other employees for their continued co-operation and splendid support in the face of most trying conditions because of lack of funds due to the deadlock in the State Senate over the annual appropriation bill.

Much has been done towards providing better accomodations for those of our number confined to beds in the hospital. The moving of a building formerly used as a barracks, connecting this with a similar one by the addition of fifty feet of new construction, making a building one hundred and seventy-nine feet long, all of the interior to be of new material throughout will make for the betterment in treatment and care of the hospital patients. This new hospital will be ready for occupancy probably in the early spring.

I am extremely grateful to the members of the Board of Managers, especially those of the Executive Committee, Hon. Ezra Dixon, Chairman, whose efforts have been untiring in aiding and guiding me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Sheple,

Commandant

DEATHS

Civil War

James Riley, K. 12th R. I. Vol. M. 3rd R. I. Cav. Admitted August 17, 1920., Died December 10, 1923. Causes hemiplegia. Buried in Pacoag, R. I.

Lewis B. Field, K. 4th Mass. Inf. Admitted November 11, 1920. Died December 25, 1923. Cause pneumonia heart failure. Remains taken by relatives.

Benjamin H. Dawley, G. 4th R. I. Inf. Admitted September 18, 1922. Died January 21, 1924. Cause arterio schlerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

Calvin D. Wilbour, B. 2nd Conn. Inf. F. 10th Conn. Inf. U. S. Navy. Admitted August 14, 1918. Died January 18, 1924. Cause arterio sclerosis. Buried in North Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.

Charles A. Barbour, F. 10th R. I. Inf. Admitted March 9, 1922. Died February 6, 1924. Cause unknown died while on furlough.

Gardner Easterbrooks, E. 12th R. I. Inf. Admitted September 19, 1898. Died February 9, 1924. Cause arterio sclerosis, gangrene of leg. Remains taken by relatives.

William F. Nickerson, D. 3rd R. I. H. Arg. Admitted January 18, 1924. Died February 22, 1924. Remains taken by relatives.

Reuben A. Healey, B. 4th R. I. Vol. Admitted April 1, 1920. Died March 14, 1924. Cause arterio sclerosis, gangrene sores. Buried in Charlestown, R. I.

Ira W. Hopkins, D. 2nd R. I. Inf. Admitted March 21, 1924. Died April 9, 1924. Cause arterio sclerosis, cerebral hemorrhage. Remains taken by relatives.

Abijah S. Pond, U. S. Navy. Admitted July 22, 1920. Died May 24. Cause unknown. Died while on furlough.

Frederick A. Arnold, D. 2nd R. I. Vol. Inf. Admitted August 12, 1923. Died August 8, 1924. Cause arterio sclerosis, bronchial pneumonia. Remains taken by relatlves.

Owen Morris, A. 2nd R. I. Cav. Admitted November 1, 1923. Died August 16, 1924. Cause arterio sclerosis angina. Remains taken by relatives.

James E. Sherman, F. 4th Mass. S. Mil. Admitted June 8, 1924. Died September 19, 1924. Cause arterio sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

William H. Eccles, E. 2nd R. I. Inf. Admitted December 13, 1921. Died October 13, 1924. Buried in North Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.

Spanish War

John E. King, K. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf. Admitted September 14, 1920. Died April 11, 1924. Cause cirrhosis of the liver. Buried in St. Marys' Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.

William J. Brown, A. 1st U. S. Lt. Art. Admitted January 28, 1921. Died October 8, 1924. Cause acute bright's disease. Buried in U. S. Spanish War Veterans' lot in the North Burial Ground, Providence, R. I.

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REPORT OF THE SURGEON

Bristol, R. I. November 30, 1924.

State Board of Soldiers Relief:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Soldiers' Home, for the year ending November 30, 1924.

Number of men in Hospital November 30, 1923	33
Number of men on leave November 30, 1923	10
Number of men treated at Dispensary	26
Number of sick calls at Dispensary	91
Number of men admitted to Hospital	39
Number of men admitted to Hospital from Wards	24
Number of men admitted to Hospital from outside	16
Age of oldest patient, Civil War	88
Age of youngest patient, Civil War	75
Average age	81.5
Age of oldest patient, Spanish War	63
Age of youngest patient, Spanish War	49
Average age	56
Number of deaths, Civil War	14
Age of oldest, Civil War	88
Age of youngest, Civil War	77
Number of deaths, Spanish War	2
Age of oldest, Spanish War	57
Age of youngest, Spanish War	49
Average age	53
Number of men discharged from Hospital	19
Number of men present, November 30, 1924	36
Number of men absent, November 30, 1924	12

During the coming year no Dispensary report will be kept as the men will all report to the Hospital for sick calls, such a procedure is much better in every respect.

The splendid work done in the Hospital last year has been a greater credit to those who have so faithfully worked for the common good of all.

For the spirit of loyalty and co-operation which has existed among those who have assisted me in making those in the Hospital as comfortable as sick men can be made I am most grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED M. MERRIMAN,

Surgeon

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Name	Company and Regment	Age at Admission	Admitted From	When Admitted	Status
Agan, John	G. 2nd Batt'n 15th U. S. Inf.	74	Providence	June 14, 1921	Present.
Alers, Oliver	I. 10th R. I. Inf.	78	Providence	Jan. 30, 1923	Present.
Althans, Fred'k	H. 20th N. Y. Inf. 15th N. Y. Mil'a.	82	Wakefield	May 12, 1921	Present.
Andrews, Asa A.	B. 5th U. S. Art. 15th U. S. Inf.	72	Providence	Oct. 27, 1920	Present.
Arnold, Fred'k A.	D. 2nd R. I. Vol.	82	Providence	Aug. 12, 1923	Died 8-8-24
Baker, Wm. A.	F. 1st R. I. Cav. G. 3rd V. R. C.	68	Providence	July 13, 1914	Present.
Barber, Nelson	D. 2nd R. I. Vol.	82	Rehoboth	June 19, 1923	Present.
Barbour	F. 10th R. I. Inf.	89	Bristol	Mar. 9, 1922	Died. 2-6-24
Bartlett, Wm F.	C. 3rd N.Y.L.Art.	74	Providence	Aug. 30, 1910	Present.
Barker, Andoniran J.	U. S. Navy	78	Newport	July 8 1924	Present.
Bell, Thomas	B. 3rd R. I. H. Art. C. 3rd R. I. L. A.	79	Providence	Mar. 5, 1920	Present.
Bennett, George B.	F. & A 1st R.I.Cav.	79	Providence	Sept. 11, 1922	Present.
Billington, Dan'l R.	H. 7th R. I. Inf.	79	Baltic, Conn.	Nov. 14, 1922	Present.
Blanding, Philip M.	U. S. Navy	66	Providence	Oct. 12, 1905	Present.
Brayman, George W.	K. 2nd R. I. Inf.	66	Providence	Jan. 21, 1909	Present.
Brayton Fred'k C.	B. Ist R. I. L. Art.	66	Providence	Oct. 26, 1912.	Present.
Brown, Marcus M.	D, C & I.R.I. Inf.	50	Woonsocket	Aug. 5, 1891.	Present.
Blount, Jubael	A. 9th R. I. Inf. H. 12th R. I. Inf.	80	Pawtucket	Jan. 10, 1916.	Present.
Bowman, Alonzo	F. Ist Conn. Art.	80	Providence	Nov. 17, 1919.	Present.
Cahill, Thomas	B. 5th R. I. H. Art.	77	Providence	July 17, 1922	Hon. Dis. 6-7-24
Capron, George N.	H. 11th R. I. Inf.	90	Providence	June 2, 1920	Dropped f'm rolls.
Chase, John N.	D. 1st N. H. Cav.	76	Providence	Oct. 15. 1918	Dropped f'm rolls.
Clough, Samuel	G. 15th U. S. Inf.	71	Providence	July 26, 1920	Present.
Clough, William	K. 12th R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Sept. 9, 1891	Present.
Cole, Charles W.	R. I. Hos. Guards 15th U. S. Inf.	63 6	E. Providence	July 6, 1903	Present
Connors, Charles	G. 1st R. I. H. Art.	78	Providence	June 21 1922	Present.
Curtis, Joseph A.	B. 3rd R. I. Cav.	80	Diamond Hill	Jan. 6, 1922	Present.
Daley, John F.	D. 3rd R. I. Cav.	72	Providence	Mar. 17, 1918	Present.
Dawley, Benjamin H.	G. 4th R. I. Inf.	83	Easton, Mass.	Sept. 18, 1922	Died Jan. 21'24
Dennehy, Patrick	I. 16th Conn. Inf.	72	Woonsocket	May 12, 1919	Present.
Dennis, William H.	C. 3rd R. I. H. Art.	79	Providence	Sept. 14, 1922	Present.
Dexter, Philip A.	Bat. E. 1st. R.I.L A.	82	Lincoln, R. I.	July 15, 1924.	Present.
Drake, Alphonso O.	E. 2nd R. I. Vol.	71	Providence	July 22, 1920	Present.
Dunn, James	E. 4th R. I. Inf.	74	Woonsocket	Apr. 1[illegible], 1919	
Dugan, Dennis	F. 2nd R. I. Inf.	78	Providence	July 22, 1921	Present.
Eccles, William H.	E. 2nd R. I. Inf.	73	Pawtucket	Dec. 13, 1921	Died Oct. 13'24
Easterbrooks, Gardn'r	E. 12th R. I. Inf.	63	Bristol	Sept. 19, 1898	Died Feb. 9-24
Eddy, Job R.	M. 3rd R. I. H. A.	71	Providence	Nov. 10, 1908	Died Feb. 4, 24
Field, Lewis B.	K. 4th Mass. Inf.	77	Providence	Nov. 11, 1920	Died Dec. 25, 24

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1924 (Cont.)

Name	Company and Regiment	Age of admission	Admitted From	When Admitted	Status
Fieldsend, Joseph	F. 4th Mass. Inf. D. 7th R. I. Inf.	74	Richmond	June 17, 1914	Present.
Fenner, John A.	I. 11th R. I. Inf.	66	Scituate	Jan. 10, 1911	Present.
Flemmg, Michael	M. 3rd R. I. Cav.	74	Providence	Aug. 9, 1920	Present.
French, Joseph B.	D. 1st R. I. L. A.	78	Providence	Sept. 8, 1920	Present.
Gilmore, Patrick	D. 1st Conn. Inf.	57	Woonsocket	Nov. 21, 1903	Present.
Greene, William H.	F. 4th Mass. H. A.	81	Pascoag, R. I.	Dec. 7, 1923	Present.
Guile, Charles H.	D. 8th Conn. Inf.	76	Providence	Oct. 28, 1919	Present.
Hackett, Charles	D. 2nd R. I. Inf.	74	Providence	May 18, 1922.	Present.
Hanlon, Felix	D. 2nd R. I. Vol.	77	Woonsocket	June 7, 1923	Present.
Healey, Reuben A.	B. 4th R. I. Vol.	78	Charlestown	Apr. 1, 1920	Died. Mch.14-24
Holmes, Joseph B.	F. 3rd Mass. Inf. B. 4th Mass. Cav. 21st U.S. Col'd Tps.	71	Anthony	Sept. 28, 1916	Present.
Holton, William H.	I. 6th Mass. Inf. K. 1st N. Eng. Cav.	49	Providence	Jan. 12, 1892	Present.
Hopkins, Ira W.	D. 2nd R I. Inf.	80	Worcester, Mass.	Mar. 21, 1924	Died Apr.9, 24.
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D. 1st R. I. L. A.	76	Providence	Oct. 16, 1917	Present.
Hopkins, J. Ray	L. 10th R. I. Vol.	77	Richmond	Dec. 6, 1922	Present.
Hudson, David	Musician 4th R. I. Inf.	71	Providence	July 5, 1910	Present.
Hunter, George H.	I. 9th R. I. Inf.	73	Providence	Jan. 3, 1919	Present.
Jilson, John	U. S. Navy	75	Attleboro, Mass.	May 3, 1920	Dropped f'm rolls.
Jackson, Anthony	I. 27th Me. Inf.	75	Warren	June 18, 1917	Present.
Longstreet, Dan'l F.	I. 1st R. I. Inf. D. 7th R. I. Inf.	69	Providence	Oct. 7, 1915	Present.
Luther, Wm. H.	H. 3rd Mass. Mil'a	83	E. Providence	Feb. 21, 1924	Present.
Martin. Daniel	C. 1st N. Y. L. A.	61	Providence	July 23, 1909	Present.
McGinnity, John	D. 1st R. I. L. A.	87	Pawtucket	July 16, 1924	Present.
McGowan, John	D. 3rd R. I. H. A.	74	Providence	Sept. 26, 1917	Present.
McKay, John G.	A. 1st R. I. L. A.	78	Providence	Apr. 14, 1919	Present.
McSoley, James	A. 3rd R. I. H. A.	56	Providence	Aug. 1, 1905	Present.
Melville, Peter D.	A. 5th R. I. H. A.	75	Newport	Feb. 24, 2920	Present
Montross, John R.	U. S. Navy	79	Providence	Dec. 13, 1920	Present
Morris, Owen	A. 2nd R. I. Cav.	84	Bristol	Nov. 1, 1923	Died Aug.16,24
Nelson, John	U S. Navy	65	Providence	Apr. 17, 1906	Present.
Nichols, Benj'm D.	U. S. Navy	67	Bristol	Oct. 11, 1899	Present.
Nicholas, Henry H.	C. & G 1st L. A.	78	E. Providence	July 8, 1921	Present.
Nickerson, Wm F.	D. 3rd R. I. H. A.	77	Providence	Jan. 18, 1924	Died Feb.22-24
Noon, Michael	B. 1st R. I. D. M.	71	Newport	Oct. 9, 1912	Present
Oatley, Frank J.	11th R. I. Vol.	76	Providence	Apr. 9, 1922	Present.
Owens, Michael	E. 4th R. I. Inf.	74	Woonsocket	Jan. 12, 1916	Present.
Place, Wm K.	C. 5th R. I. H. A.	63	Exeter	Nov. 26, 1912	Present.
Pollard, James	D. 9th R. I. Inf.	74	Newport	Jan. 24, 1912	Present.
Potter, Philip I.	B. 14th R. I. H. A. D. 4th R. I. Inf.	70	Providence	April 13, 1913	Present.
Pond, Abijah	U. S. Navy	75	Providence	July 22, 1920	Died May.24-24

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1924. (Cont.)

Name	Company and Regiment	Age of admission	Admitted From	When Admitted	Status
Prestwich, Thomas	C. 4th R. I. Inf.	68	Providence	Oct. 18, 1913	Present.
Proctor, Thos. E.	B. 2nd R. I. Inf.	80	Hampton, Conn.	Oct. 5, 1920	Present.
Quigley, John	9th Un. Co. Me. Inf.	78	Smithfield	Sept. 16, 1924	Present.
Randall, John M.	A. 12th U. S. Inf.	71	Riverpoint	Jan. 1, 1918	Present.
Ray, Samuel	C. 1st R. I. Cav.	76	Providence	July 14, 1922	Present.
Redding, Edwin	U. S. Navy	65	Providence	Nov. 20, 1911	Present.
Riley, Peter	E. 2nd R. I. Inf.	71	Pawtucket	Jan. 25, 1917	Present.
Riley, James	K. 12th R. I. Vol.	77	Providence	Aug. 17, 1920	Died 12-10-23
Rourke, Patrick	C. 3rd R. I. H. A.	76	Providence	June, 18, 1924	Present.
Streeter, Orville D.	C. 11th R. I. Inf.	67	Providence	Jan. 18th, 1912	Present.
Steere, Jesse	C. 2nd R. I. Inf.	77	Providence	Jan. 19, 1920	Present.
Schmidt, Louis	G. 1st R. I. L. Art.	72	Providence	Apr. 2, 1918	Present.
Sherman, James E.	F. 4th Mass. S. Mil.	83	Providence	June 8, 1924	Died 9-19-1924
Sullivan, Maurice	G. 1st R. I. L. A.	68	Westerly	June 8, 1914	Present.
Sullivan, Michael	C. 4th R. I. Inf.	83	Maine	June 19, 1924	Present.
Smith, Alexander G.	G. 17th Mass. Inf.	82	Providence	July 15, 1918	Present.
Swindell, Joseph	B. 7th Mass. Inf.	73	Cumberland	June 28, 1915	Present.
Simmons, S. Bartlett	F. 1st R. I. D. M.	85	Elizabeth, N. J.	Aug. 5, 1921	Present.
Thompson. Charles W,	F. 8th Conn. Inf.	58	Providence	Jan. 9, 1899	Present.
Tefft, John K.	D. 8th Conn. Vol.	82	Warwick	Dec. 17, 1920	Present.
Tucker, Wm. G.	D. 1st Mass. Cav.	70	Providence	Jan. 29, 1915	Present.
Vallette, Leander N.	C. 4th R. I. Inf.	84	Providence	June 15, 1924	Present.
Weeks, Nathaniel	U. S. Navy	76	Burrilville	Jan. 12, 1923	Present.
Wilbour, Calvin D.	B. 2nd Conn. Inf.	76	Providence	Aug. 14, 1918	Died 1-18-24
Winsor, John A.	U. S. Navy	79	Anthony, R. I.	July 12, 1924	Present.
Wigfall, Walter C.	A. 3rd R. I. H. A. U. S. Sig. Corps	76	Providence	June 11, 1918	Present.
Woodard, James N.	E. 1st R. I. Vol.	87	Providence	Aug. 17, 1923	Present.
Young, Wm. E.	G. 2nd R. I. Inf.	62	Providence	Aug. 14, 1908	Present.

Spanish War

Arnold, Ira W.	L. 1st U. S. R. I. Inf	67	Woonsocket	Oct. 22, 1923	Present.
Ashworth, E. H.	K. 1st R.I.U.S. Inf.	49	Providence	Dec. 14, 1923	Present.
Brown, Wm. J.	A. 1st R. I. L. A.	45	E. Providence	Jan. 28, 1921	Died 10-8-24
Christie, Hugh	H. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	65	Maine	Sept. 5, 1924	Present.
Conley, Peter	C. 1st R.I.U.S. Vol.	53	No. Scituate	Sept. 15, 1924	Present.
Cuff, John F.	D. 49th U. S. Vol.‡	55	Providence	Sept. 12, 1924	Present.
Cull, Thomas	B. 10th Ohio Inf.	51	Providence	Oct. 17, 1924	Present.
Dupree, Oliver	F. 46th U. S. Vol.	57	Woonsocket	May 23, 1924	Present.
King, John E.	K. 1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	54	Providence	Sept. 14, 1920	Died 4-11-24
Rafferty, Thomas	1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	61	Providence	Apr. 11, 1921	Present.
Sumner, John R.	A. 1st R. I. U. S. A.	63	Providence	May 16, 1922	Present.

World War

Eldridge, Ralph W.	24th Spruce Squad 2nd Prov. U.S.Reg.	33	Maine	Aug. 8, 1924	Present.

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Orders Drawn for Maintenance of Soldier's Home from December 1, 1923 to November 30, 1924

January	Pay Roll—December, 1923	$ 1,733.06
	Schedule—December, 1923	1,724.29
February	Pay Roll—January	1,750.00
	Schedule—January	2,371.39
March	Pay Roll—February	1,755.38
	Schedule—February	3,450.32
April	Pay Roll—March	1,769.03
	Schedule—March	2,499.66
May	Pay Roll—April	1,777.74
	Schedule—April	2,654.09
June	Pay Roll—May	1,793.41
	Schedule—May	3,130.87
July	Pay Roll—June	1,860.00
	Schedule—June	3,297.80
August	Pay Roll—July	1,864.02
	Schedule—July	2,515.59
September	Pay Roll—August	1,842.61
	Schedule—August	2,038.16
October	Pay Roll—September	1,845.00
	Schedule—September	2,155.73
November	Pay Roll—October	1,861.77
	Schedule—October	2,793.86
	Pay Roll—November	1,870.00
	Schedule—November	886.95
		$51,240.73

Orders Drawn for Soldier's Relief, Civil War, from December 1, 1923, to November 30, 1924.

December 1923—Schedule of bills	$ 731.66
January 1923—Schedule of bills	711.66
February 1924—Schedule of bills	740.00
March 1924—Schedule of bills	750.00
April 1924—Schedule of bills	775.10
May 1924—Schedule of bills	780.00
June 1924—Schedule of bills	780.00
July 1924—Schedule of bills	671.67
August 1924—Schedule of bills	701.67
September 1924—Schedule of bills	828.33
October 1924—Schedule of bllls	858.32
November 1924—Schedule of bills	1,573.32
	$9,901.73

Orders Drawn for Dependent Families of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, for any Foreign War, Expiditon or Campaign for which the United States issued a Campaign Medal.

December Schedule of bllls	$ 187.00
January —Schedule of bills	193.00
February—Schedule of bllls	193.00
March—Schedule of bllls	187.00
April—Schedule of bills	186.00
May—Schedule of bills	194.00
June—Schedule of bills	194.00
July—Schedule of bills	194.00
August—Schedule of bills	194.00
September—Schedule of bills	202.00
October—Schedule of bills	212.00
November—Schedule of bills	364.00
	$2,500.00

Summary of Expenditures.

Soldiers' Home	$51,240.73
Soldiers' Relief, Civil War	9,901.73
Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars	2,500.00
Office Expense	1,200.00
Metallic Grave Markers	721.17
Decorating Graves	883.00
Hospital and Infirmary	13,548.13
Repairs and Equipment	6,397.20

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REPORT

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

November 30, 1925.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island:

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 104, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief presents its thirty-seventh annual report.

ORGANIZATION.

The Board as at present constituted is:—

Governor Aram J. Pothier, *Chairman.*

General Treasurer Richard W. Jennings, *Treasurer.*

Adjutant General John J. Richards.

Hon. Edwin R. Allen, Seventh R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1926.

Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1926.

Hon. Jeremiah I. Greene, Ninth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1928.

Hon. Samuel A. Whelden, Tenth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1928.

Hon. Charles H. Bowden, First R. I. Lt. Art'y, term expires 1927.

Hon. Zophar Skinner, Second R. I. Infantry, term expires 1927.

Major Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. U. S. Vol. Inf., term expires 1927.

Lt. Col. Willis C. Metcalf, U. S. Army, retired, term expires 1928.

Brig. Gen. Luke H. Callan, Officers R. C., U. S. A., term expires 1926.

Fred A. Burt, U. S. Navy and Second R. I. Vol., *Secretary.*

Soldiers' Home.

The officers of the Home are as follows:

Mrs. Susan M. Sheple, Commandant.
Dr. Alfred M. Merriman, Surgeon.
Earle H. McKenzie, Adjutant.

Twelve meetings of the Board have been held during the past year, one of which was held at the Soldiers' Home. Frequent visits by members of the Board to the Home have been made during the year.

The Home was inspected and mustered April 23, 1925, by Colonel B. K. Cash, Inspector General, N. H. D. V. S.

The amount received during the year under the Act of Congress providing aid to the State Territorial Home is eighty-six hundred and seventy dollars ($8,670.00).

The long needed new hospital is now occupied and is now furnished by most every thing needed for the welfare of those who need physical care. A most convenient structure needed by the Surgeon and those in charge is now in evidence.

The visit of the Finance Committee of the General Assembly accompanied by the State Board of Soldiers' Relief was a very pleasurable occasion. The hospital as far as completed was favorably commented on. The appropriation made by the General Assembly for the building, equipment, etc., has been carefully expended under the direction of Comrade Ezra Dixon, Chairman of the Executive Committee. Another appropriation will be required to complete the hospital and for needed repairs.

The yearly visit to the Home by the Department Commander and Staff of the Grand Army of the Republic, was made and everything was found satisfactory.

Other visits have been made by the several Auxiliaries, not only have they brought generous contributions of good things, but they have brought furnishings for the convenience of the Comrades. The entertainments given by them have added an amazing weight of pleasure to the Comrades.

The Board wishes that arrangements can be made whereby Comrades in their advanced age, who are married, will not have to be separated from their wives. Recently a couple, the Comrade in his eighty-seventh year and his wife in her eighty-second, who had lived together sixty-seven years had to give up living together—the Comrade going to the Soldiers' Home, the wife going to live with a niece.

Vital Statistics.

Average age of Civil War Veterans admitted during the year	83
Average age of Spanish War Veterans admitted during the year	54.25
Average number present during the year	72
Average membership during the year	95
Number of deaths during the year	23
Average age of decedents during the year, Civil War	84
Average age of decedents during the year, Spanish War	53
Death rate per 1,000 average membership	242
Total number of deaths since the opening of the Home	590

Maintenance.

Average cost of maintenance per capita, average membership	$559 83
Average cost of maintenance per capita, average present	738 67

Financial Statement.

Received appropriation, 1925	$42,500 00
Received from the United States, 1925	8,670 00
Received from other sources	2,036 44
Deposited with Industrial Trust Co., call account	302 00

Resolution Making an Appropriation for Expenses of Decorating Graves of War Veterans

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1925, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of decorating on Memorial Day the graves of Civil War Veterans and of the veterans of any other war of the United States, said sum to be expended under the supervision and direction of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief; and the State auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much as from time to time be required, upon the receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

Appropriation	$1,000 00
Disbursements	999 09

RESOLUTION MAKING PROVISION FOR THE PLACING OF METALLIC MARKERS ON THE GRAVES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE DIFFERENT WARS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing metallic markers to be placed on the graves of persons who served in the army or navy of the United States during the different wars of the United States, said sum to be expended under the direction of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief; and the State auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sums upon receipt by him of properly authenticated vouchers, approved by the chairman and secretary of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

Appropriation	$1,000 00
Disbursements	970 89

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1919.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 104 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME".

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 104 of the General Laws, entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home", is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

"Sec. 22. In addition to the use of Rhode Island Soldiers' Home heretofore authorized, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief may admit to and maintain in said Home, under such rules and regulations said board may prescribe, any person who has served in the army or navy of the United States during any foreign war in which the United States shall have engaged, or in any campaign or expedition for which the United States Government issues a campaign medal: *Provided*, that such person shall have been a resident of this State at the time of his enlistment and shall have been honorably discharged from such service, and at the time of his admission to said Home shall be, by reason of wounds, disease, old age or other infirmities unable to earn his own living and shall have no adequate means of support."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 104 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME".

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 104 of the General Laws, entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home", is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the State, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or

personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of Section 21 hereof, shall be paid over to the general treasurer, and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the 'Soldiers' Home Fund'. The board with the approval of the Governor may sell and dispose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be made a part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the State auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FUND.

Balance November 30, 1924	$7,572 46
Received during 1925	400 92
Interest	216 20
Total	$8,189 58

JANUARY SESSION, 1925.

RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME AT BRISTOL.

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen thousand four hundred fifty-one dollars and eighty-seven cents, being the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated under Resolution No. 19, approved May 21, 1924, for erecting and equipping an addition of fire-proof construction to present buildings for use as a hospital and infirmary at the Soldiers' Home at Bristol, is hereby re-appropriated to be expended by the State Board of Soldiers' Relief, during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1925, for the same purpose; and the State auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payment of said sum or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers signed by the secretary of said board and approved by the Governor.

Appropriation	$16,451 87
Expenditures	16,451 87

JANUARY SESSION, 1925.

RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS, ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME AT BRISTOL.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appro-

priated, to be expended by the State Board of Soldiers' Relief during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1925, for the purpose of making necessary repairs and improvements and for equipping present buildings for use as a hospital and infirmary at the Soldiers' Home at Bristol; and the State auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers signed by the secretary of said board and approved by the Governor.

Appropriation	$26,000 00
Expenditures	25,954 85
Balance	$45 15

The following Enclosures accompany this report:

A. Report of the Secretary, as State Pension Agent.

B. Report of the Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief.

C. Report of Agent, Soldiers' Relief Foreign Wars.

D. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.

E. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.

F. Roll of members of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.

G. Schedule of bills approved and orders drawn from November 30, 1924 to November 30, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

ARAM J. POTHIER, *Governor, Chairman.*
RICHARD W. JENNINGS, *Treasurer.*
JOHN J. RICHARDS, *Adjutant General.*
EDWIN R. ALLEN,
EZRA DIXON,
JEREMIAH I. GREENE,
SAMUEL A. WHELDEN,
CHARLES H. BOWDEN
ZOPHAR SKINNER,
SYDNEY D. HARVEY,
WILLIS C. METCALF,
LUKE H. CALLAN.

State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

FRED A. BURT, *Secretary.*

ENCLOSURES

A.

REPORT OF STATE PENSION AGENT.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., November 30, 1925.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the year ending November 30, 1925.

Number of claims filed by this office during the year 190

Classified as follows:

Soldiers' and sailors' pension act of May 1, 1920	43
Widows' pension act of May 1, 1920	29
Widows' accrued pension	2
Re-married widows' pension act of September 8, 1916	2
Soldiers' pension under general law	2
Spanish War soldiers' and sailors' pension act of June 5, 1920	47
Spanish War soldiers' and sailors' increase pension act, June 5, 1920	41
Spanish War widows' pension act of September 1, 1922	5
Reimbursement claims	18
Application for new pension certificate	1

Total number of claims filed in this department at Washington by the State Pension Agent to November 30, 1925 was 13,403.

About one thousand affidavits and papers were executed in 1925. A considerable number of these affidavits were executed at the residence of the affiants, who by reason of illness were unable to visit this office.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. BURT,

State Pension Agent.

B.

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, CIVIL WAR.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent Soldiers' Relief, Civil War, for the year ending November 30, 1925.

Seven hundred and forty-eight orders for groceries have been issued during the year, also temporary cash aid.

Appropriation	$10,000 00
Disbursements	$10,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. BURT,

Agent Soldiers' Relief.

C.

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, FOREIGN WARS.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars, for the year ending November 30, 1925.

Three hundred and sixty-five orders for groceries and cash aid have been issued during the year.

Appropriation	$2,500 00
Disbursements	2,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. BURT,

Agent Soldiers' Relief.

D.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDANT.

To the Board of Managers Board of Soldiers' Relief:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith my fourth report as Commandant.

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home, as compared with the year preceding:

November 30, 1924, present	76
November 30, 1924, absent	22
Total	98
Actual gain during the year	23
Total	121
Actual loss during the year	28
Present and absent November 30, 1925	93

Actual Gain.		*Actual Loss.*	
By admission	19	By discharge	5
By re-admission	4	By death	23
Total	23	Total	28

Whole number cared for during the year	149
Total number admitted since the Home opened	1,035

Of the number present 43 are reported sick in the hospital and 3 on extra duty, as follows:

Ward Sergeants	1	Cleaners	2

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

Engineer	1	Cleaners	4
Firemen	3	Cooks	2
Chief Nurse	1	Cooks' Assistants	5
Assistant Nurses	3	Barber	1
Truck Driver	1	Farmers	2
Herdsman	1	Teamster	1
Poultryman	1	Laborers	2

AGE OF MEMBERS.

The oldest 97, youngest 77, Civil War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 83, Civil War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 54.25, Spanish War.
Average age of decedents, 84, Civil War.
Average age of decedents, 53, Spanish War.

AVERAGES DURING THE YEAR.

Present.		*Present and Absent.*	
Quarter ending March 31	74	Quarter ending March 31	96
Quarter ending June 30	70	Quarter ending June 30	95
Quarter ending September 30	70	Quarter ending September 30	96
Quarter ending November 30	70	Quarter ending November 30	93
Average	71	Average	95

Number of deaths since the Home opened, 590.

I respectfully submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

Hospital: Rubber runners on all ramps, additional furniture, copper conductors connected with the sewer, brass railings at all entrances, additional operating room equipment, ground around the hospital should be graded, seeded and some shrubbery planted.

Main Kitchen: It will be necessary to replace old dish washing machine and install new sinks, a breadmixer is needed also a new steam kettle, sections of the tile floors need to be replaced, the dining room needs painting.

Ward "A": Screens should be provided at all windows and doors.

Boiler Room: A circulating pump is recommended also the laying of a cement floor in front of the boilers.

General: Additional fire equipment, watchman's clock and stations should be added and installed. The enclosed passageway work on which was begun last year should be finished, the elimination of many of the overhead wires and the placing of them in this passageway is recommended.

I desire here to express my appreciation to the officers and members of the G. A. R., the Sons of Union Civil War Veterans, the Womans' Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., United Spanish War Veterans, and their Auxiliaries, Kearney Post American Legion, and its Auxiliary, the Girl Scouts of America, and the Boy Scouts of America and the many friends for their loyal cooperation and personal kindness.

I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of the universal good conduct of the members and the faithful services and cooperation of the officers and employees of the Home.

The new hospital, work on which was begun in September, 1924, was completed and the patients moved from the old building on September 5th this year. The new building is entirely adequate to meet the demands of the present membership, it is a source of great comfort to those of our members confined within its walls, and much credit is due those who had to do with its construction.

In closing I desire to express to the members of the Board of Managers, especially those of the Executive Committee, Hon. Ezra Dixon, Chairman, my appreciation of their kindly attitude and loyal support.

Respectfully,

SUSAN M. SHEPLE,

Commandant.

DEATHS.

Civil War.

1. John A. Winsor, U. S. Navy. Admitted July 12, 1924. Died December 8, 1924. Cause, ulcerative diarrhea. Remains taken by relatives.

2. John Quigley, 9th Un. Co. Me. Inf. Admitted September 16, 1924. Died January 20, 1925. Cause grip pneumonia. Remains taken by friends.

3. Alphonso O. Drake, E. 2nd R. I. Vol. Admitted July 22, 1920. Died January 25, 1925. Cause senile dementia, exhaustion. Buried in Oakland Cemetery, Edgewood, R. I.

4. James N. Woodard, E. 1st R. I. Vol. Admitted August 17, 1923. Died January 27, 1925. Cause arterio sclerosis, exhaustion. Buried in Providence, R. I. Remains taken by relatives.

5. George N. Hunter, I. 9th R. I. Inf. Admitted January 3, 1919. Died February 10, 1925. Cause unknown. Died while on furlough.

6. Philip A. Dexter, Batt. E. 1st R. I. L. Art. Admitted July 15, 1924. Died February 14, 1925. Cause hypostatic pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

7. Willard Haskell, I. R. I. Vol. Inf. Admitted February 18, 1925. Died March 22, 1925. Cause, cancer of the stomach. Remains taken by relatives.

8. David Hudson, Band, 4th R. I. Inf. Admitted July 5, 1910. Died March 26, 1925. Cause, arterio sclerosis. Buried in Wakefield, R. I.

9. Joseph B. French. D. 1st R. I. Lt. Art. Admitted September 8, 1920. Died April 29, 1925. Cause, grip pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

10. John McGinnity, Batt. D. R. I. Lt. Art. Admitted July 16, 1924. Died April 13, 1925. Cause, cerebral hemorrhage. Remains taken by relatives.

11. William F. Bartlett, C. 3rd N. Y. Batt'y. Admitted August 30, 1910. Died May 11, 1925. Cause, grip pneumonia. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers' lot in Bristol, R. I.

12. Louis Schmidt, G. 1st R. I. Lt. Art. Admitted April 2, 1918. Died May 16, 1925. Cause, grip, cerebral hemorrhage. Remains taken by relatives.

13. Alonzo Bowman, F. 1st Conn. H. Art. Admitted November 17, 1919. Died August 14, 1925. Cause, unknown. Died while on furlough.

14. William H. Dennis, C. 3rd R. I. H. Art. Admitted September 14, 1922. Died August 27, 1925. Remains taken by relatives.

15. Patrick Gilmore, D. 7th Conn. Inf. Admitted November 21, 1903. Died August 10, 1925. Cause, unknown. Died while on furlough at the Woonsocket Hospital, Woonsocket, R. I.

16. Charles H. Guile, D. 8th Conn. Vol. Admitted October 28, 1919. Died August 22, 1925. Cause, nephritis arterio sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

17. James Pollard, D. 9th R. I. Inf. Admitted January 24, 1912. Died August 7, 1925. Cause, unknown. Died while on furlough.

18. Edward F. Colwell, D. 1st R. I. Cav. Admitted January 9, 1925. Died October 2, 1925. Cause, acute intestinal obstruction. Remains taken by relatives.

19. Joseph Swindells, B. 7th Mass. Inf. F. 3rd R. I. Cav. Admitted June 28, 1915. Died October 4, 1925. Cause, unknown. Died while on furlough.

20. John K. Tefft, D. 8th Conn. Vol. Admitted December 17, 1920. Died October 14, 1925. Cause, arthritis pueumonia. Buried in Apponaug, R. I.

21. William K. Place, C. 5th R. I. H. Art. Admitted November 23, 1892. Died November 5, 1925. Cause arterio sclerosis, fractured hip. Buried in State Rhode Island Soldiers' lot, Bristol, R. I.

Spanish War.

22. John T. Whalen, C. 23rd N. Y. Inf. Admitted May 26, 1925. Died July 27, 1925. Cause, cancer of the abdomen. Buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bristol, R. I.

23. Oliver Dupree, F. 46th U. S. Vol. Admitted May 23, 1924. Died August 29, 1925. Cause, convulsions. Remains taken by relatives.

E.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON.

BRISTOL, R. I., November 30, 1925.

State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Home, for the year ending November 30, 1925.

Number of men in hospital November 30, 1924	36
Number of men on leave November 30, 1924	12
Number of men treated at dispensary	36
Number of men making sick calls at dispensary	99
Number of men admitted to hospital	50
Number of men admitted to hospital from wards	22
Number of men admitted to hospital from outside	28
Age of oldest patient, Civil War	91
Age of youngest patient, Civil War	76
Average age of Civil War patients	83
Age of oldest patient, Spanish War	72
Age of youngest patient, Spanish War	52
Average age of Spanish War patients	62
Number of deaths, Civil War	21
Number of deaths, Spanish War	2
Total number of deaths	23
Number of men discharged from hospital	15
Number of men present November 30, 1925	43
Number of men absent, November 30, 1925	12

The same spirit of loyalty and kindly interest of those engaged in the work has been in evidence this year as in the past, to all of whom my thanks are extended.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED M. MERRIMAN,

Surgeon.

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Agan, John	G. 2nd Batt'n	74	Providence	June 14, 1921	Present
Alers, Oliver	I, 10th R. I. Inf.	78	Providence	Jan. 30, 1923	Present
Althans, Fred'k	H, 20th N. Y. Inf.	82	Wakefield, R. I.	May 12, 1925	Present
Andrews, Asa A.	B, 5th U. S. Art.	72	Providence	Oct. 27, 1920	Present
Baker, Wm. A.	F, 1st R. I. Cav. G, 3rd V. R. C.	68	Providence	July 12, 1914	Present
Barber, Nelson	D, 2nd R. I. Vol.	82	Rehoboth	June 19, 1923	Present
Barney, Stephen L.	F, 9th R. I. Inf.	82	Newton, Mass.	Oct. 23, 1925	Present
Bartlett, Wm. F.	C, 3rd N.Y.L.Art.	74	Providence	Aug. 30, 1910	Died, May 11, 1925
Barker, Andonian	U. S. Navy	78	Newport	July 8, 1924	Present
Bell, Thomas	B, 3rd R.I.H.Art. C, 3rd R.I.H.Art.	79	Providence	Mar. 5, 1920	Present
Bennett, George B.	F.&A, 1st R.I.Cav.	79	Providence	Sept. 11, 1922	Present
Billington, Daniel R.	H, 7th R. I. Inf.	79	Baltic, Conn.	Nov. 14, 1922	Present
Blanding, Philip M.	U. S. Navy	66	Providence	Oct. 12, 1905	Present
Brayman, George W.	K, 2nd R. I. Inf.	66	Providence	Jan. 21, 1909	Present
Brayton, Fred'k C.	B, 1st R.I.L.Art.	66	Providence	Oct. 12, 1912	Present
Brown, Marcus M.	D.C.& I, R.I.Inf.	50	Woonsocket	Aug. 5, 1891	Present
Blount, Jubal	A, 9th R. I. Inf. H, 12th R.I.Inf.	80	Pawtucket	Jan. 10, 1916	Present
Bowman, Alonzo	F, 1st Conn. Vol.	80	Providence	Nov. 17, 1919	Died Aug. 14, 1925
Cahill, Thomas	B,5th R.I.H.Art.	77	Providence	April 21, 1925	Present
Clough, Samuel	G, 15th U.S.Inf.	71	Providence	July 26, 1920	Present
Clough, William	K, 12th R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Sept. 9, 1891	Present
Cole, Charles W.	R. I. Hos. Guards. 15th U. S. Inf.	63	E. Providence	July 6, 1903	Present
Colwell, Edward F.	D, 1st R. I. Cav.	83	Providence	Jan. 9, 1925	Died, Oct. 2, 1925
Connors, Charles	G, 1st, R.I.H.Art.	78	Providence	June 21, 1922	Present
Curtis, Joseph A.	B, 3rd R. I. Cav.	80	Diamond Hill	Jan. 6, 1922	Present

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1925.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Daley, John F.....	D, 3rd R. I. Cav...	72	Providence.....	Mar. 17, 1918	Present
Dennehy, Patrick...	I, 16th Conn. Inf...	72	Woonsocket.....	May 12, 1919	Present
Dennis, William H..	C, 3rd R.I.H.Art...	79	Providence.....	Sept. 14, 1922	Died, Aug. 27, 1925
Dexter, Philip A....	Bat.E,1st R.I.L.A..	82	Lincoln, R. I.....	July 15, 1924	Died, Feb. 14, 1925
Drake, Alphonso O..	E, 2nd R. I. Vol....	71	Providence.....	July 22, 1920	Died, Jan. 25, 1925
Dugan, Dennis.....	F, 2nd R. I. Inf....	78	Providence.....	July 22, 1921	Present
Elliott, Daniel W...	B, 1st R. I. Art....	82	E. Providence....	July 7, 1925	Present
Fieldsend, Joseph...	F, 4th Mass.Inf... / D. 7th R. I. Inf..	74	Richmond.....	June 17, 1914	Present
Fenner, John A.....	I, 11th R. I. Inf....	66	Scituate.....	Jan. 10, 1911	Present
Fleming, Michael...	M, 3rd R. I. Cav...	74	Providence.....	Aug. 9, 1920	Present
French, Joseph B...	D, 1st R.I.L.Art....	78	Providence.....	Sept. 8, 1920	Died, April 29,1925
Gilmore, Patrick....	D. 1st Conn. Inf....	57	Woonsocket.....	Nov. 21, 1903	Died Aug. 10, 1925
Greene, Charles E...	H, 51st Mass.....	82	West Barrington .	Oct. 23, 1925	Present
Greene, William H..	F, 4th Mass.H.Ar...	81	Pascoag, R. I....	Dec. 7, 1923	Present
Guile, Charles H....	D, 8th Conn. Inf...	76	Providence.....	Oct. 28, 1919	Died, Aug. 22, 1925
Gough, Bernard.....	D, 1st R.I.L.Art....	83	Pawtucket.....	June 19, 1925	Present
Hackett, Charles....	D, 2nd R. I. Inf....	74	Providence.....	May 18, 1922	Present
Hanlon, Felix.....	D, 2nd R. I. Vol...	77	Woonsocket.....	June 7, 1923	Present
Haskell, Willard....	I, R. I. Vol. Inf....	89	Providence.....	Feb. 18, 1925	Died, Mar. 22, 1925
Holmes, Joseph B...	F,3dR.I.,Mass.Inf. / B, 4th Mass. Cav.	71	Anthony.....	Sept. 28, 1916	Present
Holton, William H..	I, 6th Mass. Inf.. / K,1st N. Eng. Cav.	49	Providence.....	Jan. 12, 1892	Present
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D, 1st R.I.L.Art....	76	Providence.....	Oct. 16, 1917	Present
Hopkins, J. Ray....	L, 10th R. I. Vol...	77	Richmond.....	Dec. 6, 1922	Present
Hudson, David.....	Musician..... / M, 4th R. I. Inf..	71	Provicence.....	July 5, 1910	Died Mar. 26, 1925

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1925.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Hunter, George H...	I, 9th R. I. Inf.....	73	Providence.....	Jan. 3, 1919	Died, Feb. 10, 1925
Jackson, Anthony...	I, 27th Me. Inf.....	75	Warren.....	June 18, 1917	Present
Longstreet, Daniel F.	I, 1st R. I. Inf... D, 7th R. I. Inf..	69	Providence.....	Oct. 7, 1915	Present
Luther, Wm. H.....	H, 3rd Mass. Mil'a.	83	E. Providence...	Feb. 24, 1924	Present
Martin, Daniel.....	C, 1st N.Y.L.Art...	61	Providence.....	July 23, 1909	Present
McGinnity, John....	D, 1st R.I.L.Art....	87	Pawtucket.....	July 16, 1924	Died, April 13, 1925
McGowan, John....	D, 3rd R.I.H.Art...	74	Providence.....	Sept. 26, 1917	Present
McKay, John G....	A, 1st R. I. L. Art..	78	Providence.....	April 14, 1919	Present
McSoley, James.....	A, 3rd R.I.H.Art...	56	Providence.....	Aug. 1, 1905	Present
Melville, Peter D...	A, 5th R.I.H.Art...	75	Newport.....	Feb. 24, 1920	Present
Montross, John R...	U. S. Navy.....	79	Providence.....	Dec. 13, 1920	Present
Nelson, John.....	U. S. Navy.....	67	Providence.....	April 17, 1906	Present
Nichols, Ben. D.....	U. S. Navy.....	67	Bristol.....	Oct. 11, 1899	Present
Nicholas, Henry H..	C,&G,1st L. Art....	78	E. Providence....	July 8, 1921	Present
Noon, Michael.....	B,1st R.I.D.M.....	71	Newport.....	Oct. 9, 1912	Present
Oatley, Frank J.....	11th R. I. Vol.....	76	Providence.....	April 9, 1922	Present
Owens, Michael.....	E, 4th R. I. Inf....	74	Woonsocket.....	Jan. 12, 1916	Present
Peck, Charles W....	10th Hos. Gds.....	80	Providence.....	Feb. 10, 1925	Present
Place, Wm. K.....	C, 5th R.I.H.A.....	63	Exeter.....	Nov. 28, 1892	Died Nov. 5, 1925
Pollard, James.....	D, 9th R. I. Inf....	74	Newport.....	Jan. 24, 1912	Died, Aug. 7, 1925
Potter, Philip I.....	B,14thR.I.H.A... D, 4th R.I.Inf....	70	Providence.....	April 13, 1913	Present
Prestwich, Thomas..	C, 4th R.I.Inf.....	68	Providence.....	Oct. 18, 1923	Present
Proctor, Thos. E....	B, 2nd R.I.Inf.....	80	Hampton, Conn..	Oct. 5, 1920	Present
Quigley, John E....	9th Un.Co.Me.Inf..	78	Smithfield.....	Sept. 16, 1924	Died, Jan. 20, 1925
Randall, John M....	A, 12th U. S. Inf...	71	Riverpoint.....	Jan. 1, 1918	Present
Ray, Samuel.....	C, 1st R.I. Cav.....	76	Providence.....	July 14, 1922	Present

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1925.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Redding, Edwin	U. S. Navy	65	Providence	Nov. 20, 1911	Present
Riley, Peter	E, 2nd R.I.Inf	71	Pawtucket	Jan. 25, 1917	Present
Rourke, Patrick	C, 3rd R. I. H. Art.	76	Providence	June 18, 1924	Present
Streeter, Orville D.	C, 11th R. I. Inf	67	Providence	Jan. 18, 1912	Present
Schmidt, Louis	G, 1st R. I. L. A	72	Providence	April 2, 1918	Died May 16, 1925
Sullivan, Maurice	G, 1st R. I. L. A	68	Westerly	June 8, 1914	Present
Sullivan, Michael	C, 4th R. I. Inf	83	Maine	June 19, 1924	Present
Smith, Alexander G.	G, 17th Mass. Inf.	82	Providence	July 15, 1918	Present
Swindell, Joseph	B, 7th Mass. Inf	73	Cumberland	June 28, 1915	Died, Oct. 4, 1925
Simmons, S. Bartlett.	F, 1st R. I. D. M.	85	Elizabeth, N. J.	Aug. 5, 1921	Present.
Thompson, Chas. W.	F, 8th Conn. Vol	58	Providence	Jan. 9, 1899	Present.
Tefft, John K.	D, 8th Conn. Vol.	82	Warwick	Dec. 17, 1920	Died, Oct. 14, 1925
Tucker, Wm. G.	D, 1st Mass. Cav.	70	Providence	Jan. 29, 1915	Present
Vallette, Leander N.	C, 4th R. I. Inf	84	Providence	June 15, 1924	Present
Weeks, Nathaniel	U. S. Navy	76	Burrillville	Jan. 12, 1923	Present
Winsor, John A.	U. S. Navy	79	Anthony	July 12, 1924	Died, Dec. 8, 1924
Wigfall, Walter C.	A, 3rd R.I.H.A. / U. S. Sig. Corps	76	Providence	June 11, 1918	Present
Woodard, James N.	E, 1st R. I. Vol	87	Providence	Aug. 17, 1923	Died, Jan. 27, 1925
Young, Wm. E.	G, 2nd R. I. Inf	62	Providence	Aug. 14, 1908	Present
SPANISH WAR.					
Arnold, John H.	A, 1st R. I. L. A	60	Providence	Mar. 9, 1925	Present
Arnold, Ira	L,1st R.I.U.S.Inf	67	Woonsocket	Oct. 22, 1923	Present
Ashworth, Edw. H.	K, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	49	Providence	Dec. 14, 1923	Present
Beauregard, Eugene.	L, 1st U.S.Vol.Inf.	48	Woonsocket	Oct. 13, 1925	Present
Carpenter, Geo. E.	B,1st R.I.U.S.V.Inf.	64	Rumford	Dec. 17, 1924	Present
Christie, Hugh	H, 1st R.I.U.S.Vol.	65	Maine	Mar. 13, 1925	Present

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1925.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Conley, Patrick	U. S. Navy	58	Providence	Mar. 16, 1925	Present
Conley, Peter	C, 1st R.I.U.S.Vol.	53	North Scituate	Sept. 15, 1924	Present
Cuff, John F	D, 49th U. S. Vol.	55	Providence	Sept. 12, 1924	Present
Cull, Thomas	B, 10th Ohio Inf.	51	Providence	Oct. 17, 1924	Present
Decelles, Elphege	L, 1st R. I. Inf.	57	Woonsocket	July 20, 1925	Present
Devlin, John M.	F, 1st R. I. Inf.	58	Providence	June 15, 1925	Present
Droney, Patrick	G, 3rd Conn. Vol.	56	Providence	Aug. 4, 1925	Present
Dupree, Oliver	F, 46th U. S. Vol.	57	Woonsocket	May 23, 1924	Died, Aug. 29, 1925
Keating, Daniel I	L, 1st R.I.U.S.Vol.	56	Providence	May 12, 1925	Present
Keegan, Thomas	M, R.I.U.S.Inf.	49	Providence	Oct. 14, 1925	Present
Landonceur, Louis	H, 27th Inf.	42	Woonsocket	Mar. 17, 1925	Present
Luby, John	B, 1st R. I. Art	50	Pawtucket	Oct. 7, 1925	Present
Rafferty, Thomas	1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	61	Providence	April 11, 1921	Present
Summer, John	A, 1st R.I.U.S.A.	63	Providence	May 16, 1922	Hon. dis. Jan. 8, 1925
Sumner, John	A, 1st R.I.U.S.A.	66	Providence	Mar. 16, 1925	Hon. dis. May 12, 1925
Whalen, John T	C, 23rd N. Y. Inf.	48	Providence	May 26, 1925	Died, July 25, 1925
Young, Wm. S.	H, 1st R. I. Inf.	57	Providence	July 8, 1925	Present
WORLD WAR.					
Eldridge, Ralph W	24th Spruce Sq. 2d Prov.U.S.Reg.	33	Maine	Aug. 8, 1924	Present

G.

Orders Drawn for Maintenance of Soldiers' Home from December 1, 1924, to November 30, 1925.

January	Pay roll—December, 1924	$1,870 00
	Schedule—December, 1924	2,318 14
February	Pay roll—January	1,897 81
	Schedule—January	2,973 90
March	Pay roll—February	1,985 15
	Schedule—February	2,843 91
April	Pay roll—March	1,982 00
	Schedule—March	2,816 61
May	Pay roll—April	1,989 50
	Schedule—April	3,105 56
June	Pay roll—May	1,947 00
	Schedule—May	2,790 21
July	Pay roll—June	1,957 00
	Schedule—June	2,915 66
August	Pay roll—July	1,955 00
	Schedule—July	1,768 40
September	Pay roll—August	1,982 60
	Schedule—August	1,855 85
October	Pay roll—September	1,935 69
	Schedule—September	1,956 81
November	Pay roll—October	1,905 19
	Schedule—October	2,201 69
	Pay roll—November	1,920 56
	Schedule—November	2,310 35
		$53,184 59

Orders Drawn for Soldiers' Relief, Civil War, from December 1, 1924, to November 30, 1925.

December, 1924—Schedule of bills	$868 32
January, 1925—Schedule of bills	853 32
February—Schedule of bills	878 33
March—Schedule of bills	823 32
April—Schedule of bills	793 32
May—Schedule of bills	787 71
June—Schedule of bills	765 67
July—Schedule of bills	797 67
August—Schedule of bills	805 67
September—Schedule of bills	813 67
October—Schedule of bills	849 67
November—Schedule of bills	963 33
	$10,000 00

Orders Drawn for Dependent Families of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines for any Foreign War, Expedition or Campaign for which the United States issued a Campaign Medal.

December, 1924—Schedule of bills	$220 00
January, 1925—Schedule of bills	228 00
February—Schedule of bills	228 00
March—Schedule of bills	82 00
April—Schedule of bills	206 00
May—Schedule of bills	193 00
June—Schedule of bills	213 00
July—Schedule of bills	200 00
August—Schedule of bills	198 00
September—Schedule of bills	205 00
October—Schedule of bills	216 00
November—Schedule of bills	211 00
	$2,500 00

Summary of Expenditures.

Soldiers' Home	$53,184 59
Soldiers' Relief, Civil War	10,000 00
Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars	2,500 00
Office Expense	1,028 99
Metallic Grave Markers	970 89
Decorating Graves	999 09
Hospital and Infirmary	16,451 87
Repairs and Equipment	25,954 85

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Soldiers' Home.

The officers of the Home are as follows:

Mrs. Susan M. Sheple, Commandant.
Dr. Alfred M. Merriman, Surgeon.
Earle H. McKenzie, Adjutant.

Twelve meetings of the Board have been held during the year, one at the Soldiers' Home. A large number of visits have been made by members of the Board. The Home was inspected by Col. B. K. Cash, Inspector General, N. H. D. V. S. on June 19, 1926.

On June 8th a Committee was appointed from the Board of Soldiers' Relief to see that the graves of Veterans of all wars were properly marked with headstones and to see if the burial lots were in proper condition.

Considerable interest has been manifested throughout the state in this undertaking. As there has been no appropriation made for this work the expense of such draws from the Secretary's Expense Account.

The Department Commander of the G. A. R. accompanied by his Staff of Officers made their yearly visit to the Soldiers' Home and expressed themselves as finding everything satisfactory. The visitations of other organizations will be noted in the Commandant's report.

The Board met a great loss the past year in the death of Comrade Zophar Skinner who passed away November 11, 1926, in his eighty-third year.

Vital Statistics.

Average age of Civil War Veterans admitted during the year	85
Average age of Spanish War Veterans admitted during the year	56
Average age of World War Veterans admitted during the year	35
Average membership during the year	95
Average number present during the year	60
Number of deaths during the year	23
Average age of decedents during the year, Civil War	85
Average age of decedents during the year, Spanish War	61
Average age of decedents during the year, World War	39
Death rate per 1000 average membership	242
Total number of deaths since the opening of the Home	613

Maintenance.

Yearly per capita cost	$891.37 Gross $733.83 Net.
Weekly per capita cost	$ 17.14 Gross $ 14.11 Net.

Financial Statement.

Balance with General Treasurer, November 30, 1925	$ 353.57
Received appropriation, 1926	46,250.00
Received from the United States, 1926	7,620.00
Received from other sources	2,383.69

Section 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Laws, Entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldier's Home".

"Sec. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof, shall be paid over to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the soldiers' home fund. The board with the approval of the Governor may sell and dispose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be made a part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board.

Financial Statement of Fund.

Balance November 30, 1925	$ 8,189.58
Received during 1926	5,310.48
Interest received	358.43
	$13,858.49
Expenditures 1926	1,769.95
Balance November 30, 1926	$12,088.54

JANUARY SESSION, 1926.

RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME AT BRISTOL.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the state board of soldiers' relief during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926, for the purpose of making necessary repairs and improvements and for equipment at the soldiers' home at Bristol; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers signed by the secretary of said board and approved by the governor.

Appropriation	$25,000.00
Expenditures	24,989.24

RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRINTING THE JOURNAL OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

(Approved March 26, 1926.)

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the State Board of Soldiers' Relief during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926, for the purpose of printing the journal of the fifty-eighth annual encampment of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic; and the State auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt of proper vouchers approved by the secretary of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

Appropriation	$200.00
Expenditures	166.95

RESOLUTION MAKING PROVISION FOR THE PLACING OF METALLIC MARKERS ON THE GRAVES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE DIFFERENT WARS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief, for the purpose of purchasing metallic markers to be placed on the graves of persons who

served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the different wars of the United States; and the State auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sums, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of properly authenticated vouchers, approved by the chairman and secretary of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

Appropriation	$600.00
Expenditures	555.77

Resolution Making an Appropriation for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses of Decorating Graves of War Veterans.

(March 26, 1926.)

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the supervision and direction of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1926, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of decorating on Memorial Day the graves of Civil War Veterans and of the Veterans of any other War of the United States; and the State auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon the receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of the State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

Appropriation	$1,000.00
Expenditures	997.16

The following Enclosures accompany this report:

A. Report of Secretary, as State Pension Agent.

B. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief Civil War.

C. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief Foreign Wars.

D. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.

E. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.

F. Roll of members of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.

G. Schedule of bills approved and orders drawn from November 30, 1925, to November 30, 1926.

Respectfully submitted,

ARAM J. POTHIER, *Governor, Chairman.*
RICHARD W. JENNINGS, *General Treasurer.*
ARTHUR C. COLE, *Adjutant-General.*
EZRA DIXON,
JEREMIAH I. GREENE,
SAMUEL A. WHELDEN,
CHARLES H. BOWDEN,
ROBERT M. POLLARD,
SYDNEY D. HARVEY,
WILLIS C. METCALF,
LUKE H. CALLAN,

State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

FRED A. BURT, *Secretary.*

ENCLOSURES

A.

REPORT OF STATE PENSION AGENT.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., November 30, 1926.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the year ending November 30, 1926.

Number of claims filed by this office during the year	189

Classified as follows:

Soldiers' and sailors pension act of May 1, 1920	31
Widows' pension act of May 1, 1920 and July 3, 1926	20
Widows' one-half pension	1
Re-married widows' pension act of May 1, 1920	1
Soldiers' pension under general law	2
Spanish War soldiers' and sailors' pension act of June 5, 1920 and May 1, 1926	84
Spanish War soldiers' and sailors' increase pension act of June 5, 1920 and May 1, 1926	19
Spanish War widows' pension act of May 1, 1926	11
Reimbursement claims	19
Application for new pension certificate	1

Total number of claims filed in this department at Washington by the State Pension Agent to November 30, 1926, was 13,592.

About eleven hundred affidavits and papers were executed in 1926. A considerable number of these affidavits were executed at the residence of the affiants, who by reason of illness were unable to visit this office.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. BURT,

State Pension Agent.

B.

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, CIVIL WAR.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil War, for the year 1926.

No change had been made in the method of dispensing this fund for Soldiers' Relief. The increasing call for assistance, caused by the advanced age of the veterans and widows, and by the increased cost of living has taxed our appropriation to the limit. Fourteen new applications for aid have been received during the year.

Died while receiving aid	12
Soldiers' admitted to Home while receiving aid	1
Widows' who have obtained pensions while receiving aid	1
Number of orders for groceries issued	754
Appropriation for 1926	$10,000.00
Disbursements for 1926	9,809.97

Respectfully,

FRED A. BURT,

Agent Soldiers' Relief.

C.

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, FOREIGN WARS.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars, for the year 1926.

On account of sickness together with the high cost of living, it has and is constantly increasing the demand for assistance upon this fund. Eleven new applications for aid have been received during the year; two have died while receiving aid; three widows have obtained pensions while receiving aid. Three hundred and ninty-nine orders for groceries have been issued.

Appropriation	$2,500.00
Disbursements	2,500.00

Respectfully,

FRED A. BURT,

Agent Soldiers' Relief.

D.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDANT.

To the Board of Managers; Board of Soldiers' Relief:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith my fifth report as Commandant.

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home, as compared with the year preceding:

November 30, 1925, present	76
November 30, 1925, absent	17
Total	93
Actual gain during the year	30
Total	123
Actual loss during the year	28
Present and absent November 30, 1926	95

Actual Gain.		*Actual Loss.*	
By admission	28	By discharge	5
By re-admission	2	By death	23
Total	30	Total	28

Whole number cared for during the year	153
Total number admitted since the Home opened	1,061

Of the number present 40 are reported sick in the hospital and 5 on extra duty, as follows:

Ward Sergeants	1	Cleaners	4

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

Commandant		Surgeon		Adjutant	
Engineer	1			Cleaners	4
Firemen	3			Cooks	2
Chief Nurse	1			Cooks' Assistants	5
Assistant Nurses	4			Barber	1
Truck Driver	1			Farmers	2
Herdsman	1			Teamster	1
Poultryman	1			Laborers	3

AGE OF MEMBERS.

The oldest 95, youngest 78, Civil War.

Average age of those admitted during the year, 85, Civil War.

Average age of those admitted during the year, 56, Spanish War.

Average age of those admitted during the year, 35, World War.

Average age of decedents, 85, Civil War.

Average age of decedents, 61, Spanish War.

Average age of decedents, 39, World War.

AVERAGES DURING THE YEAR.

Present.		*Present and Absent.*	
Quarter ending March 31	73	Quarter ending March 31	100
Quarter ending June 30	50	Quarter ending June 30	95
Quarter ending September 30	59	Quarter ending September 30	93
Two months ending November 30	59	Two months ending November 30	93
Average	60	Average	95

Number of deaths since the Home opened 613

I desire to thank the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., United Spanish War Veterans, and their Auxiliaries, Kearney Post, American Legion, and its Auxiliary, the Girl Scouts of America, the Boy Scouts of America, and the many friends for their continued good will.

Deep appreciation is expressed for the consideration and support rendered the Commandant by the Honorable Members of the Board of Managers, especially those of the Executive Committee, Hon. Ezra Dixon, Chairman.

Respectfully,

SUSAN M. SHEPLE,

Commandant.

DEATHS.

Civil War.

1. William H. Greene, F. 4th Mass. H. Art., Admitted December 7, 1923. Died February 14, 1926. Cause senile dementia, exhaustion. Buried in Pascoag, R. I.

2. George Bushan, F. 40th Mass. Inf. Admitted January 29, 1926. Died March 2, 1926. Cause arterio sclerosis, apoplexy. Buried in Acots Hill Cemetery, Chepachet, R. I.

3. Jubal Blount, A 9th R. I. Inf. Admitted January 11, 1916. Died March 17, 1926. Cause cancer of the stomach. Remains taken by relatives.

4. Benjamin D. Nichols, U. S. Navy. Admitted October 10, 1899. Died March 18, 1926. Cause pneumonia. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers' lot, Bristol, R. I.

5. Maurice Sullivan, G. 1st R. I. L. Art. Admitted June 8, 1914. Died March 29, 1926. Cause pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

6. Philip M. Blanding, U. S. Navy. Admitted October 12, 1903. Died March 30, 1926. Cause grippe pneumonia. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers' lot, Bristol, R. I.

7. Leander N. Vallette, C. 4th R. I. Inf. Admitted June 15, 1924. Died April 3, 1926. Cause cancer of the stomach, grippe. Remains taken by relatives.

8. Charles W. Thompson, F. 8th Conn. Inf. Admitted January 9, 1899. Died April 3, 1926. Cause grippe. Remains taken by relatives.

9. James F. Dunn, E. 4th R. I. Vol. Admitted April 4, 1919. Died April 3, 1926. Cause unknown; died while on furlough.

10. Nelson Barber, D. 2nd R. I. Vol. Admitted June 19, 1923. Died April 19, 1926. Cause grippe. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers' lot, Bristol, R. I.

11. Charles W. Peck. I, 10th Hosp. Gds. Admitted February 10, 1925. Died April 20, 1926. Cause pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

12. William H. Holton, I. 6th Mass. Inf. Admitted January 12, 1894. Died May 7, 1926. Cause grippe. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers' lot, Bristol, R. I.

13. John R. Arnold, H. 1st R. I. D. Mil. Admitted December 23, 1925. Died June 19, 1926. Cause angina pectoris. Remains taken by relatives.

14. Stephen L. Barney, F. 9th R. I. Inf. Admitted October 23, 1925. Died June 26, 1926. Cause senile dementia, exhaustion. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers' lot, Bristol, R. I.

15. Oliver S. Alers, I. 10th R. I. Inf. Admitted January 30, 1923. Died August 5, 1926. Cause pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

16. Joseph B. Holmes, F. 3rd Mass. Inf. Admitted September 27, 1916. Died September 30, 1926. Cause unknown; died at the Rhode Island Hospital. Remains taken by relatives.

17. Willard Armington, H. 1st R. I. Cav. Admitted March 1, 1926. Died October 4, 1926. Cause pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

18. James Seymore, E. 14th R. I. H. Art. Admitted December 17, 1925. Died October 7, 1926. Cause cerebral hemorrhage. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers' lot, Bristol, R. I.

19. William H. Luther, H. 3rd Mass. Mil. Admitted February 21, 1924. Died October 19, 1924. Cause senile dementia, exhaustion. Remains taken by relatives.

Spanish War.

20. Elphege Decelles, L. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf. Admitted July 20, 1925. Died June 21, 1926. Cause unknown. Died while on furlough.

21. John Luby, B. 1st R. I. U. S. Art. Admitted October 7, 1925. Died April 8, 1926. Cause unknown. Died while on furlough.

22. John Shea, G. 1st U. S. Inf. Admitted June 12, 1926. Died October 29, 1926. Cause myocarditis. Remains taken by relatives.

World War.

23. William J. Callan, 7th C. A. C. Admitted April 9, 1926. Died April 9, 1926. Cause unknown. Died at the State Sanitarium, Wallum Lake, R. I.

E.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON.

BRISTOL, R. I., November 30, 1926.

State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Home, for the year ending November 30, 1926.

Number of men in hospital November 30, 1925	43
Number of men on leave November 30, 1925	12
Number of men making sick calls at hospital	87
Number of men admitted to hospital	48
Number of men admitted to hospital from wards	16
Number of men admitted to hospital from outside	32
Age of oldest patient, Civil War	95
Age of youngest patient, Civil War	78
Average age of Civil War patients	86
Age of oldest patient, Spanish War	68
Age of youngest patient, Spanish War	46
Average age of Spanish War patients	57
Age of oldest patient, World War	37
Age of youngest patient, World War	33
Average age of World War patients	35
Number of deaths, Civil War	19
Number of deaths, Spanish War	3
Number of deaths, World War	1
Total number of deaths	23
Number of men discharged from hospital	14
Number of men present November 30, 1926	40
Number of men absent November 30, 1926	22

The same spirit of loyalty and kindly interest of those engaged in the work has been in evidence this year as in the past, to all of whom my thanks are extended.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED M. MERRIMAN,
Surgeon.

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1926.

CIVIL WAR.

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Agan, John	G. 2nd Batt'n	74	Providence	June 14, 1921	Present
Alers, Oliver	I, 10th R. I. Inf.	78	Providence	Jan. 30, 1923	Died, Aug. 5, 1926
Andrews, Asa A.	B, 5th U. S. Art.	72	Providence	Oct. 27, 1920	Present
Armington, Willard	H, 1st R. I. Cav.	81	Providence	Mar. 1, 1926	Died Oct. 4, 1926
Arnold, John R	H, 1st R. I. D. M.	87	Providence,	Dec. 23, 1925	Died June 19, 1926
Baker, Wm. A.	F, 1st R. I. Cav. G, 3rd V. R. C.	68	Providence	July 12, 1924	Present
Barber, Nelson	D, 2nd R. I. Vol.	82	Rehoboth	June 19, 1923	Died Apr. 19, 1926
Barney, Stephen L.	F, 9th R. I. Inf.	82	Newton, Mass.	Oct. 23, 1925	Died June 26, 1926
Barker, Andonian	U. S. Navy	78	Newport	July 8, 1924	Present
Bell, Thomas	B, 3rd R.I.H.Art. C, 3rd R.I.H.Art.	79	Providence	Mar. 5, 1920	Present
Bennett, George B.	F.&A, 1st R.I.Cav.	79	Providence	Sept. 11, 1922	Present
Billington, Daniel R.	H, 7th R. I. Inf.	79	Baltic, Conn.	Nov. 14, 1922	Present
Blanding, Philip M.	U. S. Navy	66	Providence	Oct. 12, 1905	Died Mar. 30, 1926
Brayman, George W.	K, 2nd R. I. Inf.	66	Providence	Jan. 21, 1909	Present
Brayton, Fred'k C.	B, 1st R.I.L.Art.	66	Providence	Oct. 12, 1912	Hon. Dis. Oct. 16, 1926
Brayton, Fred'k C.	B, 1st R.I.L.Art.	80	Providence	Dec. 21, 1926	Present
Brown, Marcus M.	D.C. & I. Ing.	50	Woonsocket	Aug. 5, 1891	Present
Blount, Jubal	A, 9th R. I. Inf. H, 12th R.I.Inf.	80	Pawtucket	Jan. 10, 1916	Died Mar. 17, 1926
Bushan, George	F. 40, Mass. Inf.	89	Pascoag	Jan. 29, 1926	Died, Mar. 2, 1926
Cahill, Thomas	B, 5th R.I.H.Art.	77	Providence	April 21, 1925	Present
Clough, Samuel	G, 15th U.S.Inf.	71	Providence	July 26, 1920	Present
Clough, William	K, 12th R. I. Inf.	49	Providence	Sept. 9, 1891	Present
Cole, Charles W	R.I. Has. Gds.	63	E. Providence	July 6, 1903	Present
Connors, Charles	G, 1st, R.I.H.Art.	78	Providence	June 21, 1922	Present

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1926.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Curtis, Joseph A....	B, 3rd R. I. Cav...	80	Diamond Hill....	Jan. 6, 1922	Present
Daley, John F.....	D, 3rd R. I. Cav...	72	Providence.....	Mar. 17, 1918	Present
Dunn, James L.....	E, 40th R. I. Vol...	74	Woonsocket.....	April 4, 1919	Died, Apr. 3rd, 1926
Elliott, Daniel W...	B, 1st R. I. Art....	82	E. Providence....	July 7, 1925	Present
Fieldsend, Joseph...	F, 4th Mass. Inf... D. 7th R. I. Inf..	74	Richmond.....	June 17, 1914	Present
Fenner, John A.....	I, 11th R. I. Inf....	66	Scituate.....	Jan. 10, 1911	Present
Fleming, Michael...	M, 3rd R. I. Cav...	74	Providence.....	Aug. 9, 1920	Hon. Dis. July 27, 1926
Fleming, Michael...	M, 3rd R. I. Cav...	80	Providence.....	Oct. 4, 1926	Present
Gardiner, Charles C.	14th R.I.H.Art.....	83	Providence.....	Feb. 13, 1926	Present
Greene, Charles E...	H, 51st Mass.....	82	West Barrington .	Oct. 23, 1925	Present
Greene, William H..	F, 4th Mass.H.Ar...	81	Pascoag, R. I....	Dec. 7, 1923	Died, Feb 14, 1926
Gough, Bernard.....	D, 1st R.I.L.Art....	83	Pawtucket.....	June 19, 1925	Present
Hackett, Charles....	D, 2nd R. I. Inf....	74	Providence.....	May 18, 1922	Present
Hanlon, Felix.....	D, 2nd R. I. Vol...	77	Woonsocket.....	June 7, 1923	Present
Holmes, Daniel.....	G, 1st D.I.D.M....	81	Providence.....	Feb. 18, 1926	Present
Holmes, Joseph B...	F, 3dR.I., Mass.Inf. B, 4th Mass. Cav.	71	Anthony.....	Sept. 28, 1916	Died, Sept. 30, 1926
Holton, William H..	I, 6th Mass. Inf.. K, 1st N. Eng. Cav.	49	Providence.....	Jan. 12, 1892	Died May 7, 1926
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D, 1st R.I.L.Art....	76	Providence.....	Oct. 16, 1917	Present
Hopkins, J. Ray....	L, 10th R. I. Vol...	77	Richmond.....	Dec. 6, 1922	Present
Jackson, Anthony...	I, 27th Me. Inf....	75	Warren.....	June 18, 1917	Present
Longstreet, Daniel F.	I, 1st R. I. Inf... D, 7th R. I. Inf..	69	Providence.....	Oct. 7, 1915	Present
Luther, Wm. H.....	H, 3rd Mass. Mil'a.	83	E. Providence...	Feb. 24, 1924	Died, Oct. 19, 1926
Martin, Daniel.....	C, 1st N.Y.L.Art...	61	Providence.....	July 23, 1909	Present
McGowan, John....	D, 3rd R.I.H.Art...	74	Providence.....	Sept. 26, 1917	Present
McKay, John G....	A, 1st R. I. L. Art..	78	Providence.....	April 14, 1919	Present

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Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
McSoley, James	A, 3rd R.I.H.Art	56	Providence	Aug. 1, 1905	Present
Melville, Peter D	A, 5th R.I.H.Art	75	Newport	Feb. 24, 1920	Present
Montross, John R	U. S. Navy	79	Providence	Dec. 13, 1920	Present
Nelson, John	U. S. Navy	67	Providence	April 17, 1906	Present
Nichols, Ben. D	U. S. Navy	67	Bristol	Oct. 11, 1899	Died Mar. 18, 1926
Nicholas, Henry H	C.&G.1st L. Art	78	E. Providence	July 8, 1921	Present
Noon, Michael	B,1st R.I.D.M	71	Newport	Oct. 9, 1912	Present
Oatley, Frank J	11th R. I. Vol	76	Providence	April 9, 1922	Present
Owens, Michael	E, 4th R. I. Inf	74	Woonsocket	Jan. 12, 1916	Present
Padras, Manuel	U. S. Navy	94	Providence	July 21, 1926	Present
Peck, Charles W	10th Hos. Gds	80	Providence	Feb. 10, 1925	Died Apr. 26, 1926
Potter, Philip I	B,14thR.I.H.A D, 4th R.I.Inf	70	Providence	April 13, 1913	Present
Prestwich, Thomas	C, 4th R.I.Inf	68	Providence	Oct. 18, 1923	Present
Proctor, Thos. E	B, 2nd R.I.Inf	80	Hampton, Conn.	Oct. 5, 1920	Present
Randall, John M	A, 12th U. S. Inf	71	Riverpoint	Jan. 1, 1918	Present
Ray, Samuel	C, 1st R.I. Cav	70	Providence	July 14, 1922	Present
Redding, Edwin	U. S. Navy	65	Providence	Nov. 20, 1911	Present
Riley, Peter	E, 2nd R.I.Inf	71	Pawtucket	Jan. 25, 1917	Present
Rourke, Patrick	C, 3rd R. I. H. Art.	76	Providence	June 18, 1924	Present
Steere, Hebron H	D, 1st R. I. Cav	87	Providence	Oct. 24, 1926	Present
Streeter, Orville D	C, 11th R. I. Inf	67	Providence	Jan. 18, 1912	Present
Seymore, James	E, 14th R.I.H.Art	85	Providence	Dec. 17, 1925	Died Oct. 7, 1926
Sullivan, Maurice	G, 1st R. I. L. A	68	Westerly	June 8, 1914	Died Mar. 29, 1926
Sullivan, Michael	C, 4th R. I. Inf	83	Maine	June 19, 1924	Present
Smith, Alexander G.	G, 17th Mass. Inf.	82	Providence	July 15, 1918	Present
Simmons, S. Bartlett.	F, 1st R. I. D. M	85	Elizabeth, N. J	Aug. 5, 1921	Present
Thompson, Chas. W.	F, 8th Conn. Vol	58	Providence	Jan. 8, 1899	Died, Apr. 3, 1926

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Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Tucker, Wm. G.....	D, 1st Mass. Cav...	70	Providence.....	Jan. 29, 1915	Present
Vallette, Leander N.	C, 4th R. I. Inf....	84	Providence.....	June 15, 1924	Died, Apr. 3, 1926
Weeks, Nathaniel...	U. S. Navy.....	76	Burrillville.....	Jan. 12, 1923	Present
Wigfall, Walter C...	A, 3rd R.I.H.A... U. S. Sig. Corps..	76	Providence.....	June 11, 1918	Present
Young, Wm. E.....	G, 2nd R. I. Inf....	62	Providence.....	Aug. 14, 1908	Present
SPANISH WAR.					
Aiken, Charles F....	D, 3rd U. S. V. Inf.	64	Providence.....	Aug. 24, 1926	Present.
Arnzen, Niles	C, 1st R.I.U.S. Vol.	56	Providence.....	Feb. 6, 1926	Present
Arnold, John H.....	A, 1st R. I. L. A...	60	Providence.....	Mar. 9, 1925	Present
Arnold, Ira.....	L,1st R.I.U.S.Inf...	67	Woonsocket.....	Oct. 22, 1923	Present
Ashworth, Edw. H..	K, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf..	49	Providence.....	Dec. 14, 1923	Present
Bates, William J....	A, 10th U. S. Inf...	50	Cumberland.....	Sept 21, 1926	Present
Beauregard, Eugene.	L, 1st U.S.Vol.Inf...	48	Woonsocket.....	Oct. 13, 1925	Present
Burke, John M.....	B, 1st U.S. Vol. Inf.	46	Lonsdale.....	June 14, 1926	Present
Carpenter, Geo. E...	B, 1stR.I.U.S.V.Inf.	64	Rumford.....	Dec. 17, 1924	Present
Casey, William S....	E, 3rd Conn. Inf....	49	Woonsocket	June 4, 1926	Present
Christie, Hugh.....	H, 1st R.I.Vol.....	65	Maine	Mar. 13, 1925	Present
Corcoran, John F. ..	H, 1st R. I. Inf.....	66	Providence.....	June 7, 1923	Present
Conley, Patrick.....	U. S. Navy.....	58	Providence.....	Mar. 16, 1925	Present
Cuff, John F.....	D, 49th U. S. Inf...	55	Providence.....	Sept. 12, 1924	Present
Cull, Thomas.....	B, 10th Ohio Inf...	51	Providence.....	Oct. 17, 1924	Present
Decelles, Elphege ...	L, 1st R. I. Inf.....	57	Woonsocket.....	July 20, 1925	Died, June 21, 1926
Devlin, John M.....	F, 1st R. I. Inf.....	58	Providence.....	June 15, 1925	Present
Droney, Patrick....	G, 3rd Conn. Vol...	56	Providence.....	Aug. 4, 1925	Present
Fly, Edward D.....	1st R. I. U. S. Inf..	55	Providence	Feb. 26, 1926	Present
Fowler, Patrick.....	C, 6th Miss. Inf....	62	Providence.....	Dec. 9, 1925	Hon. dis Mar. 15, 1926
Graham, Walter H.	L, 26th U.S. Inf....	57	Providence.....	Jan. 13, 1926	Present

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Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Hunt, George R.	U. S. Navy	48	Providence	Mar. 15, 1926	Present
Keating, Daniel I.	L, 1st R.I.U.S.Vol.	56	Providence	May 12, 1925	Present
Keegan, Thomas	M, R.I.U.S.Inf.	49	Providence	Oct. 14, 1925	Present
Lafond, Gaspard	H, 15th U. S. Inf.	50	Pawtucket	Jan. 20, 1926	Present
Landonceur, Louis	H, 27th Inf.	42	Woonsocket	Mar. 17, 1925	Present
Luby, John	B, 1st R. I. Art.	50	Pawtucket	Oct. 7, 1925	Died Apr. 8, 1926
McLinn, Daniel W.	E, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	57	Blackstone, Mass.	Nov. 12, 1926	Present
Murr, Alvin B.	Hosp. Corp.	55	Oxford, Mass.	May 22, 1926	Present
Pearce, Julian M.	I, 6th U.S.Cav.	53	Providence	Jan. 21, 1926	Present
Quiniat, Sebastian	I, 1st R. I. Inf.	68	Providence	Mar. 25, 1926	Present
Rafferty, Thomas	1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	61	Providence	April 11, 1921	Present
Rogers, Ephriam M.	46th U. S. Inf.	54	Arctic	Nov. 19, 1926	Present
Shea, John	G, 1st U.S. Inf.	73	Norwich, Conn.	June 12, 1926	Died Oct. 29, 1926
Sumner, John	A, 1st R.I.U.S.A.	66	Providence	Oct. 21, 1926	Present
Woobank, James	U. S. Navy	47	Providence	Oct. 20, 1926	Present
	WORLD WAR.				
Ahern, John E.	151st Depot Brig.	36	Providence	Mar. 31, 1926	Present
Allard, Albert O.	Batt. D. 12th F.Art.	37	Woonsocket	Nov. 4, 1926	Present
Callan, William J.	7th, C. A. C.	39	Bristol	Apr. 9, 1926	Died Apr. 9, 1926
Demski, Albert	D, 39th R. I. Inf.	30	Warren	Jan. 31, 1926	Hon. dis. May 7, 1926
Eldridge, Ralph W.	24th Spruce Sq. 2d Prov. U.S.Reg.	33	Maine	Aug. 4, 1924	Present

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Orders Drawn for Maintainence of Soldiers' Home from December 1, 1925 to November 30, 1926.

January	Pay roll—December, 1925	$1,894 05
	Schedule—December, 1925	2,592 87
February	Pay roll—January	1,922 00
	Schedule—January	2,865 15
March	Pay roll—February	1,912 00
	Schedule—February	3,210 79
April	Pay roll—March	2,110 15
	Schedule—March	2,997 23
May	Pay roll—April	2,148 16
	Schedule—April	2,845 21
June	Pay roll—May	2,218 78
	Schedule—May	2,905 05
July	Pay roll—June	2,256 47
	Schedule—June	2,928 13
August	Pay roll—July	2,270 76
	Schedule—July	2,763 30
September	Pay roll—August	2,158 77
	Schedule—August	2,961 82
October	Pay roll—September	2,016 76
	Schedule—September	2,898 21
November	Payroll—October	2,165 56
	Schedule—October	1,906 97
	Pay roll—November	2,031 66
	Schedule—November	622 57
		$56,602 42

Orders Drawn for Soldiers' Relief, Civil War, from December 1, 1925, to November 30, 1926.

December 1925,—Schedule of bills	$833 67
January, 1926—Schedule of bills	817 67
February—Schedule of bills	809 67
March—Schedule of bills	793 67
April—Schedule of bills	809 67
May—Schedule of bills	811 66
June—Schedule of bills	811 66
July—Schedule of bills	831 66
August—Schedule of bills	833 66
September—Schedule of bills	817 66
October—Schedule of bills	827 66
November—Schedule of bills	811 66
	$9,809 97

Orders Drawn for Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars, from December 1, 1925, to November 30, 1926.

December, 1925—Schedule of bills	$204 00
January, 1926—Schedule of bills	210 00
February—Schedule of bills	210 00
March—Schedule of bills	212 00
April—Schedule of bills	231 00
May—Schedule of bills	193 00
June—Schedule of bills	198 00
July—Schedule of bills	208 00
August—Schedule of bills	208 00
September—Schedule of bills	208 00
October—Schedule of bills	208 00
November—Schedule of bills	210 00
	$2,500 00

Summary of Expenditures.

Soldiers' Home	$56,602 42
Soldiers' Relief, Civil War	9,809 97
Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars	2,500 00
Secretary's Expense Account	1,599 65
Metallic Grave Markers	555 77
Decorating Graves	997 16
Repairs and Improvements	24,989 24
Printing Journal of 58th encampment of G. A. R.	166 95

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REPORT

PROVIDENCE, R. I., November 30, 1927.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Rhode Island;

Complying with the provisions of Chapter 116, General Laws of Rhode Island, the State Board of Soldiers' Relief presents its Thirty-Ninth Annual Report.

ORGANIZATION.

The Board as at present constituted is:

Governor Aram J. Pothier, Chairman.

General Treasurer, George C. Clark, Treasurer.

Adjutant-General Arthur C. Cole.

Hon. Ezra Dixon, Forty-Second Mass. Volunteers, term expires 1929.

Hon. Jeremiah I. Greene, Ninth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1928.

Hon. Samuel A. Whelden, Tenth R. I. Volunteers, term expires 1928.

Hon. Charles H. Bowden, First R. I. Light Artillery, term expires 1930.

Hon. Robert M. Pollard, Third Regiment, R. I. Cavalry, expires expires 1929.

Hon. Charles O. Smith, Eighteenth N. H. Infantry, term expires 1930.

Major Sydney D. Harvey, First R. I. Volunteer Infantry, term expires 1930.

Lt.-Col. Willis C. Metcalf, U. S. Army, retired, term expires 1928.

Brig.-Gen. Luke H. Callan, One Hundred and Seventh Engineers, term expires 1929.

Fred A. Burt, U. S. Navy and Second R. I. Volunteers, Secretary.

Soldiers' Home.

The Officers of the Home are as follows:

Mrs. Susan M. Sheple, Commandant.
Dr. Alfred M. Merriman, Surgeon.
Earle H. McKenzie, Adjutant.

During the past year twelve meetings have been held by the Board, one of which was at the Soldiers' Home.

Monthly Reports which are required by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers have been forwarded promptly and we have received $6,480.00 under the act of Congress providing aid to State and Territorial Homes.

The Home was mustered and inspected June 18, 1927 by Colonel B. K. Cash, N. H. D. V. S.

The addition to the Hospital equipment of a McIntosh Universal-mode, an electrical appliance to relieve certain conditions, especially to old age, has proven its value.

Visits the past year of the Grand Army of the Republic, The Womans Relief Corps, The Ladies of the G. A. R., The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, The Spanish and World War Veterans and their Auxiliaries have added much pleasure to all at the Home.

An event of unusual interest took place at the Home Sunday, December 18th, 1927, when a Flag Pole erected in front of the Hospital was presented by Mrs. Mary A. May, President of the Soldiers' Home Committee in behalf of that organization. At the same time "Old Glory" was presented by the Department President of the Womans Relief Corps, Mrs. Mary E. Curtis. Both gifts were dedicated in honor of Comrade Samuel A. Whelden and the late comrade Zophar Skinner. On account of the extremely cold weather the exercises followed in the recreation room.

Vital Statistics.

Average age of Civil War Veterans admitted during the year	82
Average age of Spanish War Veterans admitted during the year	57
Average age of World War Veterans admitted during the year	33
Average membership during the year	89.4
Average number present during the year	52
Number of deaths during the year	20
Average age of decedents during the year, Civil War	86
Average age of decedents during the year, Spanish War	59
Death rate per 1,000 average membership	223
Total number of deaths since the opening of the Home	633

Maintenance.

Yearly per capita cost	$1,076 31
Weekly per capita cost	20 69

Financial Statement.

Received appropriation, 1927	$49,800 00
Received from the United States, 1927	6,480 00
Revenue collected at the Home deposited with the General Treasurer for the General Fund of the State	1,544 42

Section 2 of Chapter 116 of the General Laws, Entitled "Of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home".

"Sec. 2. The said board is hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive in the name of the state, any grant, devise, gift or bequest of real or personal property that may be made for the use and benefit of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home, or the inmates or the purposes thereof. All money so received, and all money received under the provisions of section 21 hereof, shall be paid over to the general treasurer and shall be kept by him as a special fund to be known as the soldiers' home fund. The board with the approval of the governor may sell and dispose of any real or personal property received under this section, and any property received under section 21 hereof, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid over to the general treasurer to be made a part of said fund. The said fund shall be used to provide clothing, comforts and conveniences for the inmates of said home not otherwise provided for by law, and the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for payments from such fund, for the purposes provided for in this section, as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of proper vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board."

Financial Statement of Fund.

Balance November 30, 1926	$12,088.54
Received during 1927	5,636.61
Interest received	414.55
	$18,139.70
Expenditures 1927	1,305.49
Balance November 30, 1927	$16,834.21

Report of the Committee on Grave Marking and Memorials.

November 30, 1927.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief,
State House, Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of our activities for the year 1927.

At the regular meeting of the Board held at the State House, June 8th, 1926, the following members of the Board were appointed: Robert M. Pollard, of Pawtucket, Charles H. Bowden of Barrington and Lieut.-Colonel Willis C. Metcalf of North Providence, as a committee to obtain gravestones and to properly place them over the last resting places of all soldiers and sailors who had served their country in any of the wars that the United States have been engaged in, and whose graves had not been so marked with suitable gravestones, also to properly mark with the official iron marker and flagholders the graves of all comrades of all of the Wars that the United States has ever been engaged in and which graves have never been so marked.

Gravestones.

The committee have made requisition upon the Quartermaster General of the United States Army for the following number of gravestones:

Civil War	33
Spanish-American	8
World War	9
Total	50

Of this number we have received notice from the Q. M. G. O. at Washington that thirty-four (34) have been examined, approved and ordered cut and shipped, and should be received in the near future. The remaining sixteen will be approved and ordered cut and shipped as soon as the services of the comrades have been verified in the War Department at Washington, which is now being done. As a result we are receiving cards from the Q. M. G. Office every few days notifying us of that fact.

The cost of setting these stones is ten ($10.00) dollars each when done by the Board and includes carting from the different freight depots to the cemeteries.

We have found that in most of the large cemeteries the authorities of those cemeteries prefer to set the stones themselves and involves an average cost of $6.50 per stone and in these cases the Committee are obliged to pay for the cartage from the freight depots to the cemetery and this cost averages $2.50 per stone so that the total cost in in each case averages $10.00 per stone.

This work necessitates a large amount of traveling in order to complete the arrangements and to properly inspect the job of setting the stones to see that the work is done correctly before the payment is made, see that the stones are carted to the cemetery, locate the grave and see that it is placed upon the right grave. And as the graves are scattered all over the State it will be seen that a large amount of travelling is necessary, as will be shown by the following table:

Cemetery	Location	Graves
Newport	Newport, R. I.	2
Intervale	North Providence	3
Mineral Spring	Pawtucket	1
Rockland	Clayville	1
Glenford	North Scituate	1
Walnut Hill	Pawtucket	1
Oak Grove	Pawtucket	1
Oak Grove	Ashaway	1
North	Bristol	1
Usquepaug	Usquepaug	1
Springvale	Rumford	1
St. Marys	Pawtucket	1
Berkley	Berkley	1
St. Ann's	Cranston	4
St. Francis	Pawtucket	6
Mt. Calvary	Valley Falls	1
Oakland	Providence	3
Swan Point	Providence	2
Grace Church	Providence	2
Mt. St. Mary's	Pawtucket	1
Locust Grove	Providence	3
North Burial Ground	Providence	3
Roman Cotholic	Providence	1
St. Patrick's	Providence	2
Little Neck	Riverside	2
Pocasset	Providence	3
Riley	Manton	1
	Total	50

The number remaining unmarked is not definitely known but from all information obtainable it will number several hundred and will require several years to complete. The record in one cemetery in N. Providence will explain.

In this cemetery there are yearly decorated and flagged twenty-seven (27) graves of veterans of the Civil War and of these but six (6) are definitely identified by name the other twenty-one are practically unknown. Of course this committee will exhaust every effort to properly indentify these comrades but unless some of the decendants of these comrades or soldiers who served with them come forward with the necessary information it is feared that they will forever remain unknown.

To properly set the stones now ordered and to pay the necessary cartage on the same and to take care of those that are expected to be needed in the next fiscal year an appropriation of at least $1,500.00 will be needed and this committee earnestly requests that this amount be requested if it is desired to complete this work.

The Sons of Veterans of Pawtucket report that they have found 240 graves in St. Francis cemetery of Veterans of the Civil War that have no headstones; this is only one of the cemeteries to be investigated. This condition only exists in the Roman Catholic cemeteries where prior to 1927 no headstones were permitted on these graves but the present bishop has very kindly arranged with his graves committee so that these graves of our comrades can now be marked with the official gravestone.

Grave Marking and Registration

This Committee have marked with the official iron markers and flag holders the graves of one hundred and seventy-nine soldiers who have served in the different wars of the United States (there are a few graves that cannot be marked at this time owing to the fact that the appropriation for the purchase of gravemarkers is exhausted, and until the appropriation for the next fiscal year is available they will have to wait) and owing to the large number of graves yet to be marked in this state it recommended that every effort be made to have this amount increased so that this work can be carried on to a successful conclusion.

The one hundred and seventy-nine graves mentioned are as follows:

Revolutionary War	142
Civil War	26
Spanish-American War	6
World War	5

The Committee have covered a large portion of the northern part of the State including Smithfield, Glocester, Cumberland, and portions of Foster, North Scituate, and Johnston.

A very large number of small cemeteries have been located on farms scattered over these countries and the ground has not been anywhere nearly completely covered as yet.

No general attempt has as yet been made to mark the graves of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War until now and the Committee are greatly surprised to find that in many cases the graves of those who were men of great prominence in both military and civil life of those stirring days are, with a very few exceptions, in no way marked, and in many cases the cemeteries are themselves uncared for and have grown up to brush and trees and many gravestones are pushed over by growing trees and in fact are in a deplorable condition.

In one cemetery in Smithfield we found the grave of a member of the Continental Congress from 1776 to 1782, and buried in the same lot the graves of three of his sons all with fine military records in the same war. There are about 100 graves in this cemetery all neglected and showing no attempt to properly care for them and the cemetery itself is in an unsightly condition.

In another cemetery in Glocester we found the grave of a soldier of the Revolution who served from 1775 to 1782 as Colonel of the "2nd Regiment of Providence County Militia", a splendid record, and near him his son who served three years in the Cavalry then known as "The Captain Generals Cavalliers" and participated in Sullivan's and Spencer's Expedition to Newport. This cemetery is on what was then the Colonel's farm but now forgotten, and the farm has changed hands many times since the death of the Colonel and the present owners care nothing for the cemetery or those who occupy it, and we could name many similar cases, some containing soldiers with rank as high as Major-Generals all forgotten and neglected.

It is hoped by your Committee that steps will be taken to bring this disgraceful condition to the attention of the next session of the

General Assembly with a view of having these conditions remedied, at least so far as they apply to the graves of those brave men who stood ready to sacrifice their lives, if necessary, to give to their decendants a country and one fit to live in.

This Committee has been greatly assisted by the members of the Grand Army of the Rebublic, the Sons of Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution, the Scituate Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Spanish American War Veterans, and we desire to extend our thanks to them for the services rendered and the great interest that these patriotic societies have taken in this work.

And we also desire to thank the state librarian for his help and through him to his clerk of records, Miss Daniels, for her painstaking and very efficient work in finding the military records of these soldiers.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. POLLARD,
CHARLES H. BOWDEN,
WILLIS C. METCALF,
Members.

Resolution making an appropriation for the purpose of setting headstones on the graves of veterans of the several wars of the United States.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to be expended under the direction of the state board of soldiers' relief for the purpose of defraying the expenses of setting on the graves of veterans who served in the army or navy of the United States during the different wars of the United States such headstones as are provided by the laws of this state and of the United States, and for the purpose of providing suitable foundations for such headstones, and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum or so much as may be from time to time required upon receipt of vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of said board.

Appropriation approved April 13, 1927	$500.00
Expended during fiscal year year 1927	323.19
Balance	$176.81

Resolution making an appropriation for the purpose of printing the journal of the fifty-ninth annual encampment of the department of Rhode Island, Grand Army of the Republic.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to be expended by the state board of soldiers' relief during the fiscal year ending November 30, 1927, for the purpose of printing the journal of the fifty-ninth annual encampment of Rhode Island Grand Army of the Republic; and the state auditor is hereby directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment said sum, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt of proper vouchers approved by the secretary of the state board of soldiers' relief.

The following Enclosures accompany this report:

A. Report of Secretary, as State Pension Agent.

B. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil War.

C. Report of Secretary, as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars.

D. Report of Commandant, Soldiers' Home.

E. Report of Surgeon, Soldiers' Home.

F. Roll of members of the Rhode Island Soldiers' Home.

G. Summary of Expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

ARAM J. POTHIER, *Governor and Chairman.*
GEORGE C. CLARK, *General Treasurer.*
ARTHUR C. COLE, *Adjutant-General.*
EZRA DIXON,
JEREMIAH I. GREENE,
SAMUEL A. WHELDEN,
CHARLES H. BOWDEN,
ROBERT M. POLLARD,
CHARLES O. SMITH,
SYDNEY D. HARVEY,
WILLIS C. METCALF,
LUKE H. CALLAN,

State Board of Soldiers' Relief.

FRED A. BURT, *Secretary.*

ENCLOSURES

A.

REPORT OF STATE PENSION AGENT.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., November 30, 1927.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Pension Agent for the year ending November 30, 1927.

Number of claims filed by this office during the year	186
Classified as follows:	
Soldiers' and sailors' pension act of May 1, 1920, and July 3, 1926	15
Widows' pension act of May 1, 1920 and July 3, 1926	17
Widows' accrued pension	1
Re-married widows' pension act of May 1, 1920	2
Soldiers' pension under general law	2
Spanish War soldiers' and sailors' pension act of June 5, 1920 and act of May 1, 1926	66
Spanish War soldiers' and sailors' increase pension act of June 5, 1920 and act of May 1, 1926	53
Spanish War widows' pension act of May 1, 1926	6
Reimbursement claims	19
Application for new pension certificate	3
Bond of Indemnity for duplicate check	1
Declaration for continuation of pension for helpless child	1

Total number of claims filed in this department at Washington by the State Pension Agent to November 30, 1927, was 13,778.

About twelve hundred affidavits and papers were executed in 1927. A considerable number of these affidavits were executed at the residence of the affiants, who by reason of illness were unable to visit this office.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. BURT,

State Pension Agent.

B.

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, CIVIL WAR.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Civil War, for the year 1927.

No change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund for Soldiers' Relief.

Seven hundred and forty-four orders for groceries have been issued during the past year.

Appropriation for 1927	$10,000.00
Disbursements for 1927	9,682.00

Respectfully,

FRED A. BURT,

Agent Soldiers' Relief.

C.

REPORT OF AGENT, SOLDIERS' RELIEF, FOREIGN WARS.

To the State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of work performed as State Agent of Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars, for the year 1927.

As in the preceding case no change has been made in the method of dispensing this fund for Soldiers' Relief. Three hundred and twenty-four orders for groceries have been issued during the past year.

Appropriation for 1927	$2,500.00
Disbursements for 1927	2,394.00

Respectfully,

FRED A. BURT,

Agent Soldiers' Relief.

D.

REPORT OF THE COMMANDANT.

To the Board of Managers; Board of Soldiers' Relief:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit herewith my sixth report as Commandant.

The gains and losses exhibited in the following tables show the present status of membership of the Home, as compared with the year preceding:

November 30, 1926, present	54
November 30, 1926, absent	41
Total	95
Actual gain during the year	29
Total	124
Actual loss during the year	39
Present and absent November 30, 1927	85

Actual Gain.		*Actual Loss.*	
By admission	24	By discharge	11
By re-admission	5	By dropped from rolls	8
		By death	20
Total	29	Total	39

Total number admitted since the Home opened 1,088

Of the number present 35 are reported sick in the hospital and 4 on extra duty, as follows:

Ward Sergeants	1	Cleaners	3

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

Commandant		Surgeon		Adjutant	
Engineer	1			Cooks	2
Firemen	3			Cooks' Assistant	1
Chief Nurse	1			Dishwashers	2
Assistant Nurses	4			Waiters	2
Truck Driver	1			Barber	1
Herdsman	1			Farmer	1
Assistant Herdsman	1			Laborers	3
Cleaners	3			Caretaker Helps Qts	1

AGE OF MEMBERS.

The oldest 91, youngest 79, Civil War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 82, Civil War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 57, Spanish War.
Average age of those admitted during the year, 33, World War.
Average age of decedents, 86, Civil War.
Average age of decedents, 59, Spanish War.
Average age of decedents, 37, World War.

AVERAGES DURING THE YEAR.

Present.		*Present and Absent.*	
Quarter ending March 31	51	Quarter ending March 31	93
Quarter ending June 30	49	Quarter ending June 30	87
Quarter ending September 30.	58	Quarter ending September 30	88
Two months ending November 30	49	Two months ending November 30	87
Average	52	Average	89

Number of deaths since the Home opened 633

I wish to thank the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Rebublic, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., United Spanish War Veterans and their Auxiliaries, Kearney Post, American Legion, and its Auxiliary, the Girl Scouts of America, the Boy Scouts of America and the countless friends for their kindly interest as manifested by their visits and remembrances in the form of gifts and entertainment.

Once more may I express my deep appreciation for the kindly advice and assistance rendered me by the Members of the Board of Managers, especially those of the Executive Committee, Hon. Ezra Dixon, Chairman.

Respectfully,

SUSAN M. SHEPLE,

Commandant.

DEATHS.

Civil War.

1. Daniel Martin, G. 1st N. Y. L. Art. Admitted July 23, 1909. Died January 10, 1927. Cause unknown; died while on furlough.

2. Daniel R. Billington, H. 7th R. I. Inf. Admitted November 14, 1922. Died January 18, 1927. Cause unknown; died at Baltic, Conn. while on furlough.

3. John R. Montross, U. S. Navy. Readmitted December 12, 1920. Died January 22, 1927. Cause arterio sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

4. Nathaniel Weeks, U. S. Navy, Co. D. 1st Frontier Cav. Admitted January 12, 1923. Died March 20, 1927. Cause arterio sclerosis, pneumonia. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers burial lot, Bristol, R. I.

5. Manuel Prada, U. S. Navy, Admitted July 21, 1926. Died April 8, 1927. Cause arterio sclerosis, pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

6. Hebron H. Steere, D. 1st R. I. Cav. Admitted October 24, 1926. Died April 28, 1927. Cause arterio sclerosis. Remains taken by relatives.

7. Orville D. Streeter, C. 11th R. I. Inf. Admitted January 18, 1912. Died June 9, 1927. Cause arterio sclerosis, pneumonia. Remains taken by relatives.

8. John A. Fenner, I. 12th R. I. Inf., Admitted January 10, 1911. Died June 24, 1927. Cause pneumonia. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers burial lot, Bristol, R. I.

9. Whitfield Angus, 3rd Mass. H. Art. Admitted Sept. 8, 1927. Died September 14, 1927. Cause heart failure. Buried in the State of Rhode Island Soldiers burial lot, Bristol, R. I.

10. John Ballou, E. 2nd R. I. Inf. Admitted September 17, 1927. Died September 20, 1927. Cause arterio sclerosis. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers burial lot, Bristol, R. I.

11. Daniel G. 1st D. I. D. M.; C. 4th R. I. Inf.; B. 5th U. S. Art. Admitted February 18, 1926. Died October 17, 1927. Cause arterio sclerosis, cerebral hemorrhage.

12. George W. Braman, K. 2nd R. I. Inf. Readmitted July 14, 1927. Died October 20, 1927. Cause cerebral hemorrhage. Buried in State of Rhode Island Soldiers burial lot, Bristol, R. I.

13. Daniel L. Salisbury, H. 3rd R. I. Cav. Readmitted May 11, 1927. Died October 25, 1927. Cause gangrene of foot. Remains taken by relatives.

14. Adoniran J. Barker, U. S. Navy. Admitted July 8, 1924. Died October 26, 1927. Cause unknown; died at Newport, R. I. while on furlough.

15. George B. Bennett, F. & A. 1st R. I. Cav. Admitted September 11, 1922. Died November 10, 1927. Cause appendicitis, septic poisoning. Remains taken by relatives.

Spanish War.

16. Edward H. Pilkington, Bat'y M. 1st H. Art. Admitted February 13, 1927. Died March 5, 1927. Cause cerebral hemorrhage. Remains taken by relatives.

17. Charles F. Aiken, D, 3rd U. S. Inf. Admitted August 24, 1926. Died March 9, 1927. Cause unknown; died at Providence, R. I. while on furlough.

18. Thomas Keegan, M. 1st R. I. U. S. Inf. Admitted October 14, 1925. Died June 2, 1927. Cause alcoholism. Remains taken by relatives.

19. William H. Andrews, B. 1st R. I. U. S. Vol. Inf. Admitted September 21, 1927. Died October 9, 1927. Buried in Spanish War Veterans burial lot, North Burial Ground, Providence, R. I.

20. Charles H. Flynn, Bt. B. 1st Regiment, 29th Bt. F. Art. Admitted July 13, 1927. Died October 20, 1927. Cause surgical mumps. Remains taken by relatives.

E.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON.

BRISTOL, R. I., November 30, 1927.

State Board of Soldiers' Relief:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the Medical Department of the Home, for the year ending November 30, 1927.

Number of men in hospital November 30, 1926	40
Number of men on leave November 30, 1926	22
Number of men making sick calls at hospital	77
Number of men admitted to hospital	52
Number of men admitted to hospital from wards	26
Number of men admitted to hospital from outside	26
Age of oldest patient, Civil War	91
Age of youngest patient, Civil War	79
Average age of Civil War patients	86
Age of oldest patient, Spanish War	75
Age of youngest patient, Spanish War	47
Average age of Spanish War patients	59
Age of oldest patient, World War	38
Age of youngest patient, World War	30
Average age of World War patients	34
Number of deaths, Civil War	15
Number of deaths, Spanish War	5
Total number of deaths	20
Number of men discharged from hospital	5
Number of men present November 30, 1927	35
Number of men absent November 30, 1927	26

I am indebted to each and every one who have loyally assisted me in the work of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED M. MERRIMAN,

Surgeon.

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1927.

CIVIL WAR.

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Agan, John.....	G. 2nd Batt'n.....	74	Providence.....	June 14, 1921	Present
Andrews, Asa A.....	H, 5th U. S. Art....	72	Providence.....	Oct. 27, 1920	Present
Angus, Whitfield....	3rd Mass. H. A.....	84	Providence.....	Sept. 8, 1927	Died, Sept. 14, 1927
Baker, William G...	F, 1st R. I. Cav....	68	Providence.....	July 30, 1914	Present.
Ballou, John.....	E, 2nd R. I. Inf....	82	Barrington.....	Sept. 17, 1927	Died, Sept. 20, 1927
Barker, Andoniran ..	U. S. Navy.....	78	Newport.....	July 8, 1924	Died Oct. 26, 1927
Bell, Thomas.....	B, 3rd R.I.H.Art...	79	Providence.....	Mar. 5, 1920	Present
Bennett, George B..	F.& A, 1st R.I.Cav..	79	Providence.....	Sept. 11, 1922	Died Nov. 10, 1927
Billington, Daniel R.	H, 7th R. I. Inf.....	79	Baltic, Conn.....	Nov. 14, 1922	Died Jan. 18, 1927
Braman, George W..	K, 2nd R. I. Inf....	66	Providence.....	June 21, 1909	Hon. Dis. April 11, 1927
Braman, George W..	K, 2nd R. I. Inf....	84	Oakland Beach...	July 14, 1927	Died. Oct. 20, 1927
Brayton, Fred'k C..	B, 1st R.I.L.Art....	80	Providence.....	Dec. 21, 1926	Present
Brown, Marcus M...	D.C. & L.I.R.Vol...	50	Woonsocket.....	Aug. 5, 1891	Present
Cahill, Thomas.....	B, 5th R.I.H.Art...	77	Providence.....	April 21, 1925	Present
Clough, Samuel H...	G, 15th U.S.Inf.....	71	Providence.....	July 26, 1920	Present
Clough, William....	K, 12th R. I. Inf...	49	Providence.....	Sept. 9, 1891	Present
Cole, Charles W....	R.I. Hos. Gds.....	63	E. Providence....	July 6, 1903	Present
Connors, Charles....	G, 1st, R.I.L.Art...	78	Providence.....	Nov. 28, 1924	Dropped Feb. 21, 1927
Curtis, Joseph A....	B, 2nd R. I. Cav...	80	Diamond Hill....	Jan. 16, 1922	Hon. Dis., May 1, 1923
Daley, John P.....	B, 11th R. I. Inf...	72	Providence.....	Mar. 18, 1918	Present.
Elliott, Daniel W...	B, 1st R. I. L. Art..	82	E. Providence....	July 7, 1925	Present
Fales, William H....	F, 4th Mass. Inf ...	86	Barrington.....	April 20, 1927	Present.
Fieldsend, Joseph...	F, 4th R. I. Inf.....	74	Richmond.....	June 23, 1914	Present
Fenner, John A.....	I, 12th R. I. Inf....	66	Scituate.....	Jan. 10, 1911	Died June 24, 1927
Fleming, Michael...	M, 3rd R. I. Cav...	74	Providence.....	Oct. 4, 1926	Present

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1927.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Gardiner, Charles H.	C.14th R.I.H.Art...	83	Providence.....	Feb. 13, 1926	Present
Green, Charles E....	K, 1st N. H. H. Art.	81	Providence.....	Sept. 9, 1927	Present.
Greene, Charles E...	H, 51st Mass. Inf...	82	West Barrington .	Oct. 23, 1925	Present
Gough, Bernard.....	D, 1st R.I.L.Art....	83	Pawtucket.....	June 19, 1925	Present
Hackett, Charles....	D, 2nd R. I. Inf....	74	Providence.....	July 1, 1924	Present
Hanlon, Felix.....	D, 2nd R. I. Inf....	77	Woonsocket.....	June 7, 1923	Dropped July 17, 1923
Holmes, Daniel.....	G, 1st D.I.D.M....	81	Providence.....	Oct. 16, 1917	Died, Oct. 17, 1927
Hopkins, Jeremiah D.	D, 1st R.I.L.Art....	76	Providence.....	Oct. 16, 1917	Present
Hopkins, J. Ray....	L, 10th R. I. Vol...	77	Richmond.....	Dec. 6, 1922	Present
Jackson, Anthony...	I, 27th Me. Inf....	75	Warren.....	June 18, 1917	Hon. Dis. June 18, 1917
Longstreet, Daniel F.	I, 4th R. I. Inf.....	69	Providence.....	Oct. 7, 1915	Hon. Dis., Feb. 19, 1927
Martin, Daniel.....	G, 1st N.Y.L.Art...	62	Providence.....	July 23, 1909	Died Jan. 10, 1927
McKay, John G....	A, 1st R. I. L. Art..	78	Providence.....	April 14,1919	Dropped Feb. 21, 1927
McSoley, James.....	A, 3rd R.I.H.Art...	56	Providence.....	Aug. 1, 1905	Present
Melville, Peter D...	A, 5th R.I.H.Art...	75	Newport.....	Feb. 21, 1920	Present
Montross, John R...	U. S. Navy.....	79	Providence.....	Dec. 13, 1920	Died, Jan. 22, 1927
Nelson, John.....	U. S. Navy.....	67	Providence.....	April 17, 1906	Present
Nicholas, Henry H..	C.&G.1st L. Art....	78	E. Providence....	July 5, 1921	Dropped Feb. 21, 1927
Niles, Nathaniel J...	A, 1st R. I. Cav....	79	Providence.....	May 22, 1927	Present.
Noon, Michael.....	B,1st R.I.D.M.....	71	Newport.....	Oct. 9, 1912	Present
Oatley, Frank J.....	11th R. I. Vol.....	76	Providence.....	April 9, 1922	Dropped Feb. 21, 1927
Owens, Michael.....	E, 4th R. I. Inf....	74	Woonsocket.....	Jan. 12, 1916	Present
Padras, Manuel.....	U. S. Navy.....	94	Providence	July 21, 1926	Died Apr. 8, 1927
Potter, Philip I.....	B,14thR.I.H.A.....	70	Providence.....	April 13, 1913	Present
Prestwich, Thomas..	C, 4th R.I.Inf.....	68	Providence.....	Oct. 18, 1913	Present

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1927.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Proctor, Thos. B....	B, 2nd R.I.Inf.....	80	Hampton, Conn..	Oct. 5, 1920	Present
Randall, John M....	E, 2nd U. S. Inf....	71	Riverpoint.....	Jan. 1, 1918	Present
Ray, Samuel.....	C, 1st R.I. Cav.....	76	Providence.....	July 14, 1922	Dropped Feb. 21, 1927
Reddy, William.....	C, 12th R. I. Inf...	81	Bristol.....	Feb. 9, 1927	Hon. Dis. July 16, 1927
Redding, Edwin....	U. S. Navy.....	65	Providence.....	Nov. 28, 1911	Present
Riley, Peter.....	E, 2nd R.I.Inf.....	71	Providence.....	Jan. 25, 1917	Present
Rourke, Patrick.....	C, 3rd R. I. H. Art.	76	Providence.....	June 18, 1924	Present
Salisbury, Daniel L..	H, 3rd R. I. Cav...	80	Providence.....	May 11, 1927	Died, Oct. 25, 1927
Simmons, S. Bartlett.	F, 1st R. I. D. M...	85	Elizabeth, N. J...	Aug. 5, 1921	Present
Smith, Alexander G..	G, 17th Mass. Inf.	82	Providence.....	July 15, 1918	Present
Steere, Hebron H....	D, 1st R. I. Cav....	87	Providence.....	Oct. 24, 1926	Died April 28, 1927
Streeter, Orville D...	C, 11th R. I. Inf...	67	Cranston.....	Jan. 18, 1912	Died June 9, 1927
Sullivan, Michael...	C, 4th R. I. Inf....	83	Maine.....	June 19, 1924	Present
Tucker, William O..	D, 1st Mass. Cav...	67	Providence.....	June 29, 1915	Present.
Weeks, Nathaniel...	U. S. Navy.....	78	Burrillville.....	Jan. 12, 1923	Died Mar. 20, 1927
Wigfall, Walter C...	A, 3rd R.I.H.A.....	74	Providence.....	June 11, 1918	Present
Young, Wm. E.....	G, 2nd R. I. Inf....	62	Providence.....	Aug. 14, 1908	Present
SPANISH WAR.					
Aiken, Charles F....	D, 3rd U. S. V. Inf.	64	Providence.....	Aug. 24, 1926	Died Mar. 9, 1927
Andrews, Wm. H....	B, 1st R.I.U.S.V.Inf.	53	Providence.....	Sept. 21, 1927	Died Oct. 9, 1927
Arnold, Ira W.....	L, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf...	67	Woonsocket.....	Oct. 22, 1923	Present
Arnold, John H.....	A, 1st R. I. L. A...	60	Providence.....	Mar. 9, 1925	Present
Arnzen, Niles J.....	C 1st R. I. U. S. Vol.	56	Providence.....	Feb. 6, 1926	Present
Ashworth, Edw. H..	K, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf..	49	Providence.....	Dec. 14, 1923	Present
Bates, William J....	A, 10th U. S. Inf...	50	Cumberland.....	Sept 21, 1926	Hon. Dis. Sept. 12, 1927

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1926.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Beauregard, Eugene.	L,1stR.I.U.S.Vol.Inf.	48	Woonsocket.....	Oct. 13, 1925	Present
Berggren, Harry P..	Batty B, 1st R. I. L. Art.....	50	Providence.....	Feb. 17, 1927	Present.
Burke, John M.....	B, 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	46	Lonsdale.....	June 14, 1926	Present
Buxton, Louis.....	D, 2nd U. S. Art...	47	Cranston.....	Oct. 27, 1927	Present.
Canning, Thomas A.	4th, Div. Naval Res.	56	Providence.....	July 12, 1927	Present.
Carpenter, Geo. E...	B, 1stR.I.U.S.V.Inf.	64	Rumford.....	Dec. 17, 1924	Present
Casey, William S....	E, 3rd Conn. Inf....	49	Woonsocket.....	June 4, 1926	Present
Cavanaugh, Thos. J.	E, 2nd No. Carolina Inf.....	63	Pawtucket.....	Feb. 24, 1927	Hon. Dis. Aug. 24, 1927
Christie, Hugh C....	H, 1st R.I.Vol.....	68	Maine.....	Mar. 13, 1925	Present
Conley, Patrick.....	U. S. Navy.....	58	Providence.....	Mar. 16, 1925	Present
Conley, Peter.....	C, 1st R. I. Vol. Inf.	54	Providence.....	Sept. 5, 1924	Present.
Corcoran, John F....	H, 1st R. I. Inf.....	66	Providence.....	June 7, 1923	Dishon. Dis. Mar. 14, 1927
Creed, James J.....	A, 11th U. S. Inf...	53	Providence.....	July 13, 1927	Present.
Cuff, John F.....	D, 49th Inf.....	55	Providence.....	Sept. 12, 1924	Present
Cull, Thomas.....	B, 10th Ohio Inf...	51	Providence.....	Oct. 17, 1924	Present
Cunningham, Thos. J.....	C, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf...	52	Pawtucket.....	Aug. 16, 1927	Present.
Deveno, Henry.....	D, 46th Inf.....	59	W. Warwick.....	Feb. 15, 1927	Present.
Devlin, John M.....	F, 1st R. I. Inf.....	58	New Hampshire..	June 14, 1925	Present
Droney, Patrick....	G, 3rd Conn.....	56	Providence.....	Aug. 4, 1925	Dishon. Dis. April 11, 1927
Fly, Edward D.....	1st R. I. U. S. Inf..	55	Providence.....	Feb. 26, 1926	Present
Flynn, Charles H...	Batty B,1st R.I.Inf.	67	Pawtucket.....	July 13, 1927	Died, Oct. 20, 1927
Graham, Walter H.	L, 26th U.S. Inf....	57	Providence.....	Jan. 13, 1926	Present
Heaney, Henry.....	I, 101st Inf.....	54	Providence.....	Nov. 3, 1927	Present.
Hunt, George R.....	U. S. Navy.....	48	Providence.....	Mar. 15, 1926	Present
Keating, Daniel J...	L, 1st R.I.U.S.Vol.	56	Providence.....	May 12, 1925	Hon. Dis. Nov. 9, 1927
Keegan, Thomas....	M, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf..	49	Providence.....	Oct. 14, 1925	Died June 2, 1927

F.—DESCRIPTIVE ROLL OF MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND SOLDIERS' HOME FOR THE YEAR 1926.—(Continued.)

Name.	Company and Regiment.	Age at Admission.	Admitted From.	When Admitted.	Status.
Kelly, John	H, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	60	Providence	Mar. 1, 1927	Hon. Dis. May 6, 1927
Kelly, John	H, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	60	Providence	Aug. 18, 1927	Present.
Lafond, Gaspard	H, 15th U. S. Inf.	50	Pawtucket	Jan. 20, 1926	Present
Ladonceur, Louis	H, 27th Inf.	42	Woonsocket	Mar. 17, 1925	Hon. Dis. Feb. 21, 1927
Lambert, Frank	D, 17th U. S. Inf.	49	Pawtucket	Sept. 14, 1920	Present.
Lee, William	M, 1st R.I.U.S.Vol.	62	Providence	Feb. 10, 1927	Preesent.
McLinn, Daniel W.	E, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	57	Blackstone, Mass.	Nov. 12, 1926	Present
Mullen, Patrick J.	D, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	62	Valley Falls	Sept. 19, 1927	Present.
Murr, Alvin B.	Hosp. Corp.	55	Oxford, Mass.	May 22, 1926	Present
Pearce, Julian M.	I, 6th U.S.Cav.	53	Providence	Jan. 21, 1926	Dishon. Dis. May 17, 1927
Pilkington, Ed. H.	Batty M, 1st H. Art.	57	Providence	Feb. 13, 1927	Died, Mar. 5, 1927
Quiniat, Sebastian	I, 1st R. I. U. S. Inf.	68	Providence	Mar. 25, 1926	Present
Rogers, Ephriam	M. 46th U. S. Inf	54	Arctic	Nov. 19, 1926	Present
Sumner, John R.	A, 1st R.I.U.S.Art.	68	Providence	Oct. 21, 1926	Present.
True, William D.	B, 1st R.I.U.S.Vol.	75	Providence	Feb. 15, 1927	Present.
Whitmarsh, Henry A.	A, 1st R.I.L.Art.	55	Providence	Oct. 4, 1927	Present.
Woobank, James W.	U. S. Navy	47	Providence	Oct. 20, 1926	Present
Young, William S.	H, 1st R.I.U.S.Inf.	57	Providence	July 8, 1925	Present.
	WORLD WAR.				
Ahern, John E.	151st Depot Brig.	36	Providence	Mar. 31, 1926	Present
Allard, Albert O.	Batt.D.12thF.Art.38	37	Woonsocket	Nov. 4, 1926	Present
Blomstrom, Ernest A.	Hdqs. Co., 28th U. S. Inf.	....	Hoxsie	April 13, 1927	Present.
Coopy, Peter	A, 102nd Coast Art.	35	Pawtucket	April 20, 1927	Committed to State Hos. June 19, 1927
Demski, Albert	D, 39th R. I. Inf.	31	Warren	April 22, 1927	Present
Eldridge, Ralph W.	24th Spruce Sqd.	33	Maine	Aug. 8, 1924	Present
Wilkinson, Arthur	U. S. Navy	24	Central Falls	Aug. 22, 1927	Present.

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Summary of Expenditures.

Soldiers' Home	$55,972 30
Soldiers' Relief, Civil War	9,682 00
Soldiers' Relief, Foreign Wars	2,394 00
Administrative	1,182 24
Metallic Grave Markers	573 34
Decorating Graves	996 50
Printing Journal of 59th encampment of G. A. R.	147 35
Headstones for Graves of War Veterans	323 19

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